

SUDBURY TOWN INITIATIVES: COHESION AND FUNDING

Partial List of Initiatives

Board of Selectmen 2017 goal

- Needs assessment of senior residents

Town Planner

- Update 2001 Master Plan

Town Social Worker

- Needs assessment of economically vulnerable

Town Nurse (Board of Health)

- Nursing ministry (Medical Reserve Corps)

School Social Worker

- Nutritional needs/school-age children

Council on Aging

- Needs assessment of senior residents
- Transportation infrastructure for seniors/disabled (on-demand, CoA vans, MWRTA, Cross-town Connect, etc.)

The Sudbury Food Pantry

- Needs assessment of Sudbury residents (e.g., ID and outreach to those requiring transportation to/from food pantry, those requiring “shopper” and home delivery)

Our Lady of Fatima

- Charitable giving (programs, projects)
- Transportation (to services, food pantry)

Rationale

- Demographics: seniors approaching one-third town population
- Housing development and increase in affordable (e.g., Chapter 40B, Section 8) options (Coolidge expansion, Avalon, etc.)
- Outcomes:
 - Likely increase in senior residents qualifying as “very low income” because of housing burden
 - Likely increase in families/residents qualifying as “low to moderate income”
 - Likely increase in needs for financial and nutritional literacy support
 - Likely increase in demands on Food Pantry (numbers, transportation)
 - Increasingly pressing demands on transportation infrastructure for seniors, disabled, and for economic development.

Proposal

Identify, meet, and ensure all stakeholders are aware of various initiatives. Continue to meet and/or communicate regularly. Determine what efforts can be combined (e.g., needs assessments and transportation under Master Plan). Identify priority set of efforts, such as:

- Commitment to AARP/WHO age-friendly communities
- Needs assessments (seniors, economically vulnerable)
- Master Plan
- Infrastructure “fixes” (on-demand transportation demonstrations; re-engineering Food Pantry; classes on financial and nutritional literacy; updated information on all relevant websites, etc.).

Seek multiple sources of funding:

- The Sudbury Foundation (requirements = agreement among Town Manager and relevant town agencies on priorities; additional sources of funds sought/obtained)
- Metrowest Health Foundation
- BayPath (Area Agency on Aging)
- League of Women Voters
- Friends of Sudbury Senior Center (\$3K)
- Other (Robert Wood Johnson)?