

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 8, 2018

WEBSITE: <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/CouncilOnAging/>

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Members: Melissa Immonen, Amber Forbes, Robert May, Patricia Tabloski, Alice Sapienza, Amy Unckless, Jack Ryan, Barry David.

Absent: Carmine Gentile

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Beeler at 3:15 PM

Minutes of April 10, 2018 unanimously approved with corrections.

Guests: Dan Carty – Selectman Liaison

Motion: Ryan moved that a Community Center of approximately 60000 square ft costing approximately 30M dollars be endorsed and we will seek design fees in the Oct. 2018 Town Meeting. Bob May 2nd. Unanimous support. COA members are urged to attend the April 24th Board of Selectman meeting to voice support.

Director's Report: (Amber Forbes). Janet Lipkin returned from medical leave. 2. One of the van drivers has been diagnosed with a serious illness. 3. On April 12, 25 people in attendance for shuttle kick off. Average of 7.8 riders using the shuttle each day. 4. LINC program started 4/26 at Noyes. Numbers are small this year.

Bylaws: (Beeler) Term limits discussed. Motion: Approve at the end of a 3 year term a member can stay if they decide to. Bob May 2nd. Discussion ensued. Ryan motion suggested tabling the vote until the next meeting. COA members can send email comments for discussion at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee: (Immonen). Two candidates presented. Connie Steward recommended. Has broad set of interests related to aging. Had leadership position in Habitat for Humanity. Barry motion to accept Connie Steward. Alice 2nd. Unanimous approval.

BayPath (Tabloski): Strategic planning process continues. Work on the mission and values statements in progress.

Communication Plan: Tabloski & Unckless Fliers distributed on community survey. Survey closes last week in May. Some were confused because of flash vote, which is not related to this survey. 273 survey responses gathered so far.

Put and Take/Tax work off – Beeler - Runs May to Oct. Staffing in May and Oct is difficult. Dept. of Public works program monitors program. May and Oct are cold and there is no heat in the shed. Discussion ensued.

Transportation (Sapienza) – Metco grant submitted in March. Alice attended the MAGIC meeting and potential for collaborating with private transportation companies. Many companies interested in expanding their business into micro transportation. Grant submitted to Transit for All. Focuses on seniors and those with disabilities and inclusive planning. Crosstown Connect is seeking \$35,000 for planning over a 6-month period. Another grant in preparation to be submitted at the end of May \$20,000 to National Aging and Disability Transportation Center. UBER expanded program that medical facility to order a ride for patients who don't show. Cost benefit in primary care and saving ambulance ride cost.

Livable Sudbury (Sapienza) – Survey underway.

COA Dinner - Beeler COA members asked to coordinate with Deb Galloway for assignments to help with the dinner. \$10.00 donation requested.

Fairbanks Community Center (Beeler/Ryan)- Ryan asked Carty the status of the Selectman vote to be held on 5/15. Carty has a list of questions he mailed to the Task Force and Pat Brown re the financing of the project. The BOS must take a position quickly if we are to go to Oct town meeting and ask for design fees.

Chairman's Report: (Beeler): 1. This is Barry David's last meeting. Chair Beeler thanked him for his service on the COA board.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 5:00 PM

Next meeting June 12 at 3:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Patricia Tabloski, Secretary