

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
Nov 13, 2018

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Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Members: Robert May, Patricia Tabloski, Amy Unckless, Jack Ryan, Carmine Gentile, Connie Steward, Jeffrey Levine.

Guest: Carolyn Markuson. Ralph Tyler.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Beeler at 3:00 PM

Minutes of October 9 and 23, 2018 unanimously approved.

Director's Report: (Galloway) 1. Veterans luncheon held last Friday, approx. 70 people attended. 2. Repair café last Sat. with 80 people attendance. Knives and scissors sharpened, lamps repaired, etc. Next one to be held in May. 3. Last Monday Our Lady of Fatima sponsored a session on aging. Approximately 40 attended. Topics included fire safety, healthy living, falls prevention. 4. Wayside Inn luncheon on Nov 28 and Dec. 18th holiday luncheon in the gym at the Sr. Center.

Guest Comments: Carolyn Markuson spoke to concerns regarding the pool. The indoor temperature of a pool should be 82-84° F. Average temperature of Fairbanks pool is 80F. Cold air from a broken filtration system compounds the problem and has not been repaired. Many say the pool is too cold. Additionally, pool users would like additional organized senior activities. Parks & Rec would like to offer more programs but cannot find instructors. Pool is not Red Cross accredited and that makes it difficult to recruit certified instructors. There is also no heat in the dressing rooms or hallways to the pool. Discussion ensued. Formal requests will be made to the Parks & Rec department.

Tax Work-off Program (Beeler & Galloway): Tax write off is now in the hands of an attorney. We are waiting for an opinion from the town manager. Minimum wage will be increased on 1/1/19. Tax write off stipend will increase to \$1200. Motion to increase the stipend to \$1200 moved Jack Ryan; Second Robert May. Unanimous approval.

BayPath (Tabloski): BayPath option to join the Mass Home Care Administrative Services Unit, a consortium of the 24 Areas on Agency, presented. This consortium would aid in the provision of non-medical purchases and assist in the provision of non-skilled medical home care. Discussion ensued.

Old Business:

Fairbank Community Center (Ryan/Beeler) – Community Center Sub-Committee – Jack Ryan (Chair), Connie Steward, Jeff Levine & John Beeler will form a Sub-Committee to 1. Consult with Debra Galloway and solicit her concerns regarding the staff report. Committee will also consult with the Sr. Center COA, Park & Rec, SPS, and Sudbury Family Network; 2. Planning will focus on needs of Sr Center, P & R and SPS as one package. 3. Consult with Melissa Rodriguez and include Kayla McNamara to solicit support. Results of the town election, 4200 town residents voted to support funds for planning and design for the Community Center. Plans include submission of an Article for the May town meeting, to include design fees & construction fees. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2019. Discussion ensued. Motion to establish a COA Community Center subcommittee made by Amy Unckless and Carmine Gentile seconded. Unanimous support to approve.

New Business:

Senior Center Budget (Galloway) – Tabled to December meeting. Debra has not received budget materials from the town.

Transportation (Galloway/Galloway) – Town transportation Committee is looking to sponsor a pilot for micro transit. Pilot tests a software platform that takes town information regarding resources and forms an algorithm to provide the best way to meet the towns' needs. This is a 6-month program and will also include marketing. Retail price \$200,000, but will be reduced \$25,000 if we decide to participate before 1/1/19. We have approximately \$75,000 from the Meadow Walk mitigation fund. Motion: The COA urges the BOS to expend \$25,000 from the Transport Mitigation Fund for Sudbury's participation in the Trans-loc 6-month pilot transportation program. Moved by Carmine Gentile, 2nd by Amy Unckless. Motion approved unanimously.

Town Master Plan Steering Committee (Galloway). Bob May volunteered. Move by acclamation with unanimous approval.

COA Bylaws (Ryan)- Jack Ryan questioned the legality regarding the 6 year limit to serving on the COA. Neither the town or the state prohibit service beyond a 6 year term. Discussion ensued. Motion: Delete clause in bylaws which state that a member of COA cannot serve more than two consecutive 3 year terms. Moved by Jack Ryan. 2nd by Carmine Gentile. Jack Ryan agreed to withdraw the motion and asked that everyone understand argument is legal-based and will be placed on the December COA Board agenda for further discussion and for a vote.

Friends' Report (Beeler)- President of the Friends will submit a letter to the town manager with notification that the Friends will no longer pay the \$12,000 fee for postage for the newsletter.

Chairman's Report: (Beeler): As above.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 5:05 PM

Next meeting December 11 at 3:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Patricia Tabloski, Secretary