

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
Dec 11, 2018

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

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

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

Dan Carty, BOS Liaison

Excused: Connie Steward

Guest: Ralph Tyler

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

Minutes of November 13, 2018 unanimously approved.

Director's Report: (Galloway) 1. Low vision group met 3 times with 10 persons enrolled. Needs of attendees include transportation options. 2. Dementia Caregivers Support group meets monthly with 6-10 in attendance. 3. Deb did a presentation at Our Lady of Fatima presenting aging services. 4. The Sudbury Sr. Center still needs substitute drivers. Three days of training required at MWRTA. 5. Livable Sudbury Assessment almost complete. Transportation information shared. (See appendix A). 6. BayPath representative presented LGBTQ question and answer session at Senior Center. 7. Goodnow to Go now has 10 clients and twenty-one volunteers. 8. LINC program started in December and will finish on Jan 24th with a session at the Senior Center. Twelve children are participating. 9. BOS tax work off program to go to \$12 per hour in 2019. 10. Last week gas fumes escaped from boiler at the Sr. Center. Cap flew off the chimney when gas fumes ignited. Sr. Center evacuated. Boiler repaired and thankfully no one was injured.

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.

COA Bylaws: (Ryan/Beeler) COA is the only town committee with term limits. Ryan wonders if there is a legal basis for this restriction. Discussion ensued. Motion by Ryan: amend the language in the Bylaws to read : strike the sentence stating that members may serve no more than 2 consecutive terms, members may serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Seconded by Bob May. In favor 8. Abstained 1. The motion carries.

New Business

Senior Center Budget: (Galloway): Deb presented draft of Sr. Center budget. Discussion ensued. Feedback requested before Friday when final budget must be submitted. Tabloski & Unckless to create a letter of budget support for town manager.

Fairbank Community Center (Ryan/Beeler) – Community Center Sub-Committee – Meeting with Melissa Rodrigues regarding Fairbank Community Center and sharing space with Park and Recreation and school department held today. Discussion ensued. Plan is to go to May Town Meeting with request for entire budget funding including design and construction. Park & Rec, Sr. Center and Sudbury Public School administrators would all be included in the new plan.

Transportation Microtransit Pilot (Galloway) – Two drafts circulated. A meeting was held with Sudbury Transportation Committee. Dan Carty and Carmine Gentile have been coordinating efforts. Transloc Program was not pursued due to the fact that it was not a good investment for Sudbury. Additional costs would be incurred after initial pilot. Smaller options discussed. Uber/Lyft projects discussed as a new possible pilot.

Membership Committee (Beeler) Jeff Levine, Amy Unckless and Carmine Gentile will begin search project.

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): Deferred

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 5:05 PM

Next meeting January 8 at 3:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Tabloski, Secretary