

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 19, 2019

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**Present:** Chairman: John Beeler

**Members:** Robert May, Patricia Tabloski, Carmine Gentile, Jack Ryan, Jeffrey Levine.

**Excused:** Connie Steward, Amy Unckless

**Guest:** Len Simon, John Riordan, Janie Dretler, Sam Meara, Jennifer Roberts, Ralph Tyler

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Beeler at 3:05 PM

Minutes of January 8, 2019 unanimously approved.

**Director's Report: (Galloway)** 1. Met with friends re lounge furniture. Friends received \$15,000 grant from Middlesex Savings Bank. Lounge will be reconfigured to be more user friendly. 2. Met with MWRTA staff and 2 van drivers to discuss Sudbury shuttle. Discussion of route and schedule to make more efficient. End point will be Target in Marlboro. Recorded 126 rides for January. 3. A number of new applicants to the tax work-off program. 56 persons now working in 18 town departments. 4. Working with Bridges by Epoch for another Memory Café offering an additional day for lunch and entertainment. Caregiver support group meets monthly now. 5. Livable Sudbury Assessment rescheduled for March 21 at Sr. Center due to storm last week.

**BayPath (Tabloski):** Update on strategic plan and rebranding efforts.

**Master Plan Steering Committee (May)** - Group meets monthly. Joined by new town planner. Actions: to fill in a baseline that would help groups construct "needs and wants" list for the next 20 years. Goal to build a data base. Demographics play a big part, however K-8 schools representative not represented on the committee. All town departments and community action groups represented. Subcommittees will be formed to work on specific topics.

**Transportation:** (Gentile/Galloway) Committee working on transportation to medical appointments. Emerson hospital rep will try to partner with us to provide input. Cost is approximately \$21/ride. Money from state may go away if not used. Sudbury may have a fixed MWRTA bus route off route 20. Sudbury is part of transport MAPC MAGIC grant for transportation proposal.

***New Business***

**Town Meeting Articles: (Galloway)** Distributed for signatures.

**Membership Committee** (Beeler) We are down one member. Three members are cycling off and agreed to serve another term. (Tabloski, Gentile, Ryan).

**Mission Statement:** (Beeler) 2001 bylaws circulated for comment. Members are asked to read and come prepared for discussion at the next meeting. See attachment A.

**Fairbank Community Center (Beeler/Ryan)-** Meeting with Jeff, Connie and Jack with Melissa Rodriguez to discuss the Community Center. Melissa originally told COA she would present a staff plan to start the discussion. COA reviewed the plan and we voted not to support that plan. Issue is phasing, how do we deal with services while new building constructed. Plan suggested is to keep the pool and move to the south side after construction. Mellissa stated she wanted to go with option 2 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> feasibility study rather than the town plan. Architects Did not include info on the phasing issue. New gym was not included in the revised plan. User groups have not been consulted by Melissa or the town officials. We are unsure if others (SPS and P& R) would support a plan without a new gym. Discussion is needed re conference space. Revised plans are not in hand and town meeting is approaching. Proposal presented to request town manager to distribute plan to town group within 24 hours of receiving architects report then schedule meeting with user groups within 48 hours in order to finalize plans and prepare for town meeting. Need listening session and opportunity to share her thoughts with user groups. Discussion ensued.

Motion: COA request a meeting with town manager by the 26<sup>th</sup> of Feb to clarify town process going forward for the Community Center. An additional meeting with P & R and SPS if possible for the same purpose should be scheduled. Motion:Ryan, Seconded: Gentile. Unanimous approval. Chair Beeler will notify town manager and arrange meeting ASAP.

**Chairman's Comments: (Beeler):** Deferred

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 5:10 PM Motion: Levine, Seconded: Ryan.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Tabloski, Secretary