

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 12, 2019

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Present: Chairman: John Beeler

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

BOS Liaison: Dan Carty

Excused: **Jeff Levine**

Guest: Bob Diefenbacher, Barry David, Dan Cetrone, Len Simon, John Riordan, Janie Dretler, Jennifer Roberts, Ralph Tyler, Rich Tinsley, Don Oasis, 20 guests

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

Minutes of February 19, 2019 and March 5, 2019 unanimously approved.

Director's Report: (Galloway) 1. 85 people attend St. Patrick's Day luncheon today. 2. Deb attended a MWRTA meeting two weeks ago to discuss shuttle. Goal: better timing, revising scheduling, eliminating left turns. Grant from state applied for to develop route from Sudbury to Riverside T Station and grant received. 3. Medical equipment in trailer in parking lot. Issues with moisture/mildew. Bill Barletta consulted (Facilities Coordinator). Space within Sr. Center to be explored. 4. Memory Cafe held on 4th Monday of the month for caregivers and loved ones with cognitive impairment. Bridges by Epoch will sponsor an additional Cafe each month. 5. Caregiver support group started in September. Good attendance. 6. Low vision group started and now group has 2 volunteer coordinators. 6. Livable Sudbury support presented at 6pm next Thursday night 3/21.

BayPath (Tabloski): Discussion regarding new Cultural Competency efforts presented reflecting commitment to diversity. Commitment reflected in vision, mission and values statement.

New Business

Master Plan Steering Committee (Bob May) Meetings held on the 3rd Friday of the month. Committee will take a bus trip this Friday and tour town and review criteria with new planning manager.

Transportation: (Gentile/Galloway) – As reflected in Debra Galloway's report above.

Fairbank Community Center (Beeler/Ryan)- Meeting with Melissa Rodrigues held and Community Center plan discussed. Plan kept Senior Center reconstruction

where it is, moved SPS to south side of the pool and added additional space. Plan was deemed insufficient to meet current needs. Meetings with architects will start this Thursday. Goal is to get a plan to meet the needs of all 3 groups (Senior Center, SPS, P & R). Janie Dretler, Melissa & Jack will meet with architects. New plan to be pursued. Board of Selectmen has to take a leadership role in this if we are to be ready at a Fall town meeting. All groups have to sign off on plan. Ryan stated that the BOS should make the planning for the new Fairbanks Community Center to be The Top Capital Priority and nothing else should come forward. Proposed 10,000 to 13,000 sq feet. Further, there is currently no plan to accommodate disruption to Senior Center activities during the building process. Discussion ensued.

Videotaping Meetings (Beeler) Request to videotape COA meetings. Motion tabled to future meeting. Gentile moved. Ryan second. Unanimous.

Accreditation (Beeler): Accreditation history and benefits discussed.

Chairman's Comments: (Beeler): Questions from the guests. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Defer town meeting article funding for the new Fairbank Community Center till the Fall town meeting. Ryan moved. Gentile second. Unanimous.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 4:50 PM Motion: Levine, Seconded: Ryan. Unanimous

Next scheduled meeting April 9 at 3:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Tabloski, Secretary