

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 9, 2019

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

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Members: Robert May, Patricia Tabloski, Jack Ryan, Amy Unckless, Jeff Levine, Carmine Gentile, Director Debra Galloway.

Excused: Connie Steward

Guest: Janie Dretler, BOS Ralph Tyler, and 10 additional guests

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Beeler at 3:07 PM

Minutes of March 12, 2019 unanimously approved.

Introductory Comment: Len Goodman endorsed building of separate building dedicated specifically to the Senior Center.

Director's Report: (Galloway) 1. Livable Sudbury report will be presented at 6:00 PM next Thurs night 3/21. Presentation will be on Sudbury TV and will be shown at the Sr. Center. Highlights: Communication, transportation, participation limitations (financial and health issues). 2. Dana Farber van will be here for mammogram and health fair on May 1. 3. Smart Driver course will be held at Coolidge to broaden reach and help more people. 3. Repair café on May 18th to coincide with hazardous waste day. 4. Met with consultants for master plan, discussed challenges with the Senior Center space and plans for growth. 5. Met with furniture providers re the new furniture for the lounge. 6. Van served 64 riders for 4,433 rides. Shuttle 44 riders 525 rides. 7. Intergenerational LINC program with Sudbury Public Schools - spring session cancelled. Will be held in the Fall. Two events will be held with Wild Wednesday kids on early release Weds. Kids will do STEM activities with Senior volunteers. 8. New bereavement group starting in May, Chair Yoga starting this month, intergenerational event with Chinese Elders, June & July flashback band will come and pizza and move. 9. May 2 group TRIPPS to educate us on how to use ride share apps. i

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) Committee will meet Friday. Draft of community profile circulated. Goal is to have consistent demographics for town

planning. MAPC statistics found to be inaccurate. Outreach to community groups will soon start for input for planning. Discussion ensued.

Transportation: (Gentile/Galloway) – Meeting was held with UBER, and LYFT will also come to talk with us re providing transportation to Dr’s appointments. Deb met with town officials re medical transportation. Maynard does a shuttle 2 days/week to Emerson Hospital. Issue is how to handle dispatch. Discussion ensued

Videotaping Meetings (May) - Pat Brown has asked Chair Beeler if we would videotape our meetings. Many meetings attended by interested guests and may more might be interested in our discussions and activities. Move postpone discussion until next meeting. Moved Gentile, seconded May. Unanimous.

Bylaws/Officers/Membership (Beeler) - Bylaws need updating. Beeler will meet with others and present changes to the COA. New officers will be voted on in May. We have 2 applications for new members.

Status of the Council on Aging (Beeler/Ryan) - In order to get ready for the October Town Meeting Beeler proposes a 2nd COA each month to focus exclusively on the Fairbank Comm Center. Discussion ensued.

Fairbank Community Center (Beeler/Ryan)- Ryan discussed future plans for moving the Fairbank Community Center forward. Motion: Ryan. 2nd May. Discussion ensued. Unanimous support.

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.

Chairman’s Comments: (Beeler) We can appoint affiliate members. Possibility to appoint Ryan & Gentile as adffiliate members.

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

Next scheduled meeting May 14 at 3:00 PM at the Senior Center.
Additional meeting
April 23rd at 3PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Tabloski, Secretary