

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 21, 2020

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

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Members Present: Connie Steward, Sandy Lasky, Jeff Levine, Bob Lieberman, Bob May

Also Attending: Deb Galloway, Director of Senior Center

Excused: Amy Unckless, Pat Tabloski

Guests: Pat Brown (Select Board member), Len Simon, Silvia Nerssessian (SPS Vice Chair)

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

The COA took a brief time to reflect on the recent passing of Carolyn Markuson.

Minutes of January 14, 2019 tabled.

Fairbank Community Center (Beeler/Levine)-

An energetic discussion took place covering these current issues for the Fairbanks Community Project:

1. An updated draft of the slide deck to be used at the January 29, 2020 Forum at the senior center.
2. An update was shared by Jeff and Silvia of the level of commitments to the integrated goals of the project. Currently only the COA has voted to formally support the entire proposal from the working group per the presentation to the Select Board on November 19, 2019. The lack of final commitment from either SPS or Park and Rec. to the entire project plan not just their particular space needs creates major challenges to capital costs and annual operating efficiencies in going forward. Final commitments may come in the near term but probably not in time for creating final articles for the May Town Meeting.
3. In response to the situation described in #2 above the COA voted on a motion to create an Article (Copy attached) and submit to the Select Board for the May Meeting which would be formally sponsored by the COA. After discussion several amendments were proposed for the initial draft and the COA voted unanimously to approve the Article and to begin the process for submission to the Select Board. The COA will also be prepared, if asked, to review any citizen's petition offered by any town resident which proposes an Article which supports the goals set forth in the Working Group Proposal of November 17, 2019.

Possible Article for May Meeting supporting unique support for “Gold Star” Families (Galloway): The Town Assessor has communicated to Deb that they will not ask the COA to formally sponsor this special Article.

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 4:55 PM Motion: Levine, Seconded: Lasky.

Next scheduled meeting Monday, January 27, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Senior Center. This is a special meeting and agenda has been posted. In preparation for the town wide discussions of the Community Center proposal(s) these added dates have been reserved for possible COA meetings.

February 4, 2020 Tuesday

February 11, 2020 Tuesday

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert May
Secretary

Article voted upon by COA at January 21, 2020 Meeting.

PURPOSE: To be submitted to the Select Board for inclusion in May 2020 Annual Town Meeting

**NEW SUDBURY COMMUNITY CENTER - \$27.7 MILLION
FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27.7 million or such other sum as Town Meeting may approve for the design, construction and furnishing of a new Sudbury Community Center to contain a new Senior Center, Park & Recreation Center, SPS School Administration Offices and a renovated Aquatics Center. Said sum to be expended under the initial policy direction of a 5 member task force composed of Select Board members Janie Dretler and Jennifer Roberts and a member of the Council on Aging, SPS School Committee, and Park & Recreation Commission, with implementation under the direction of the Town Manager, to design, construct, and furnish a new Sudbury Community Center including all necessary appurtenances to be constructed on town-owned land at 40 Fairbank Road, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow said sum for a 20, 25 or 30 year level payment term pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 s.7 or 8 or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to approve a Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion in accordance with G.L. c.59, s. 21C, or act on anything relative thereto.