

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 12, 2020

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Present: Chairman: John Beeler

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

Also Attending: Debra Galloway, Director of Senior Center

Excused: All members present

Guests via Video: Pat Guthy, Charles Russo, Peg Espinola, Pat Brown and Janie Dretler (Select Board members)

TV Technician: N/A

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Beeler at 1:05 PM

Approval of Minutes from Meetings of April 07, 2020–Unanimous approval by voice vote.

Director’s Report: (Galloway), There have been major impacts upon all activity schedules caused by the impact of the Coronavirus. Many services have been moved to Sudbury TV or Video (ZOOM) conferencing to enhance continuity and delivery to as many as possible. The town manager has created a tsk force of staff to address issues for “re-starting the town”. We are expecting significant emotional impact on many of our seniors caused by a major change in communications with others.

Deb has posted current instructions for how to get services on the Town of Sudbury main website as well.

Transportation- As transportation in all its forms including bus, van, taxi, Uber, and MWRTA Shuttle are “essential” services the Director and Sandy Lasky are spending a major proportion of their time supporting senior needs at both town and regional meetings. **Uber** Contracts remain unsigned, while new Grants made possible by Federal Funding (CARE) are being applied for to assist in providing Covid-19 related services such as doctor visits. Our major partner providing transportation is MWRTA. They are anxious to again deliver safe means of transport and it seems re-starting many of the services will be slow to provide safety on data to allow for confirmed case tracking in many dimensions.

Baypath report- (Pat Tabloski): A new Executive Director has started, Mr. Joe Quirk. A report on the action plan to address certain compliance issues is due to the Office of Elder Affairs. However, the due date for such plan has been delayed due to Covid-19 issues for the Office of Elder Affairs. Baypath is focusing on meals on wheels and other direct services they provide.

Commission on Disability report on recent new law for Mass— Pat Guthy Law 2630 was passed in Mass to basically provide added safety for hospital providers. While the goal is widely supported, provisions within the law to provide process guidance for the allocation of medical equipment to patients is included which generally speaking has the result of lowering the priority of elders with prior conditions of co-morbidity to access to needed lifesaving medical equipment. Pat communicated to the COA the seriousness of this provision and the need to get it changed ASAP.

Senior Center Annual Report for Town Report- Debra Galloway- No action

Fairbank Community Center (Beeler/Levine)- Tentative scheduling and relationship to Town Meeting was discussed. Final dates for the meetings and the eventual required town meeting are yet un-determined and await final vote of the Select Board. The final space sharing protocols post occupancy remain open and their agreement by all tenants is needed for final acceptance by the COA of the building plan.

COA Communication plans for the Community Center are also suspended temporarily. However, Jeff and Mara Hudson will jointly work on small group sessions to deliver accurate info on the proposal.

Post Virus planning—May meeting item

A vote for Adjournment was unanimous at 2:15 PM Motion: May, Seconded: Lasky.

Next scheduled meeting 1:00 pm Tuesday June 09, 2020 pending confirmation from IT team for Video conferencing capacity at that time.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert May
Secretary

TO be updated for April as needed

COA Meeting - Director's Report: TBD