

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 09, 2020

**AS AMENDED 08/20/2020**

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**Present:** Chairman: Jeff Levine

**Members Present:** Patricia Tabloski, Sandy Lasky, Bob May, Bob Lieberman, Connie Steward, John Beeler, Peg Espinola, Carmine Gentile

**Also Attending:** Debra Galloway, Director of Senior Center

**Excused:** All members present

**Guests via Video:** Charles Russo, Pat Brown and Janie Dretler (Select Board members)  
TV Technician: N/A

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 1:10 PM

Approval of Minutes from Meetings of May 12, 2020—Unanimous approval by roll-call vote.

**Director's Report: (Galloway)**, Major priorities are: Assist Alice Sapienza and Adam in obtaining MAPC Urgent COVID-19 Taxi grant (Transportation Pilot) for taxi rides for seniors. Veterans, and disabled citizens. Riders would have to schedule 48 hours in advance. Grant has an initial termination date of December 31, 2020.

FISH services are suspended, and the return of services is longer term due to safety considerations.

Van transportation is being considered but there are many safety concerns. If it does start, the Senior Center would start with scheduling only one passenger per trip, wearing of mask/facial covering by driver and passenger, special distant seating arrangement, cleaning before and after each ride, and additional physical barrier between driver and passenger at van entry door (installed).

It is important for citizens to set their expectations low as physical distancing regulations severely lower effectiveness and productivity of all transportation, as well as the plans for restarting other services and programs.

**BayPath Elder Services 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.

**Communication on COVID19 Issues-**There is a concern that the use of Face Masks/facial coverings is not being stressed enough from the town leadership. Can a robocall be utilized to reach our citizens? Suggested text was offered as a motion by Carmine Gentile. A roll-call vote was unanimous. See wording is attached

**Senior Center Re-opening –.** Deb announced she will be back from vacation around July 06.

Re-starting and re-opening services and programs needs to be very cautious. When the time is right, the Senior Center will gradually allow staff to return; then begin to prepare center for visitors (single and then small groups) by appointment only. Physical distancing regulations force room utilizations to be reduced. Perhaps the gym can be altered for Fall utilization. There is presently a Park and Recreation plan to hold a modified summer camp which will use the gym. Rest Room utilization is still in planning stages. Medical Equipment Loan Closet will be limited. Sanitation issues are the problem.

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

**Fairbank Community Center (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.

**Review Saturday Town Meeting Option:** The COA had a detailed discussion regarding a new statement to the BOS as to utilizing a Saturday meeting. Pat Brown offered guidance as to the logistical issues with the planning for a town meeting with new changes caused by Virus control issues. The COA asked the Chairman to present to the BOS as soon as possible. The statement should embody the principles that follow: Review utilizing a daytime meeting on a Saturday; venue to be chosen; and attract as many voters as possible.

**Chairman Levine made this Motion: The Chairman will raise at tonight's Select Board meeting an opportunity to move the Town Meeting to a daytime Saturday to enable the most voters to attend and to avoid age discrimination complaints. Motion was**

**seconded by Robert May. Motion was unanimous by roll call vote of Connie Steward, Bob Lieberman, Peg Espinola, Sandy Lasky, Patricia Tabloski, Carmine Gentile, Jeff Levine, John Beeler, and Robert May.**

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

**MetroWest Foundation Update**—Bob Liberman-Bob continues to try to focus them more on Sudbury.

**Post Virus planning**—No Action

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

Next scheduled meeting 1:00 pm Tuesday July 14, 2020 pending confirmation from IT team for Video conferencing capacity at that time.

**Amended Version**

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert May  
Secretary