

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 10, 2020  
2:00 PM

ALL COA MEETINGS ARE NOW RECORDED AND  
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**COA meetings done over Town Zoom video  
Conference Account**

**PLEASE NOTE THE RETURN TO SECOND TUESDAY MEETING DAY**

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

**Present:** Chairman: Jeff Levine

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

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

**Guests via Video:** Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 2:04 PM

Attendance by all those members above confirmed by roll-call affirmation.

**Approval of Minutes** from Meeting of October 13, 2020 –The COA unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

**Director's Report: (Galloway)** A brief summary of the continuing activities offered by the Senior Center Staff primarily by Zoom meeting was shared. Examples of the programs or services offered are:

Veterans drive thru went very well—67 attendees

First in-person fitness occurred for 9 under screening and other protocol

November 18 the fitness event will reoccur.

Garden club workshop will happen

Dementia Friendly team has made recommendations for some Holiday Cheer .

SHINE Medicare Assistance is being provided via phone or Zoom.

**Baypath Elder Services report (Pat Tabloski):** Focused home visits are beginning for those in most need. IT services and phone services are improved. New HR manager hired. The agency is on a good positive path.

**Transportation (Sandy Lasky):** Bus Shelter by Whole Foods is operative. Go Sudbury Taxi service is now used by growing total of unique citizens (Seniors, Veterans, Disabled, Financial Need) who have signed up. Uber service is moving toward finalization. A motion was made to use \$10,000 of mitigation funds to support transportation fees. This is consistent with the original intent of B'Nai B'rith mitigation funds. See attached presentation (Attachment 1) for more detail

on ridership of the Sudbury Taxi. The Motion was seconded and voted unanimously in favor by roll-call vote

**Membership Committee recommendations:( Bob Lieberman):** Patricia Lewis was unanimously recommended by the committee.  
A motion was made to accept and seconded. COA voted unanimously to approve by roll-call vote.

**Senior Center report** (Deb Galloway): was reviewed and Deb will submit.

**Newsletter Mailing:** The Friends of Sudbury Seniors voted to not continue to financially support the mailing of the Senior Center newsletter. About 2,000 newsletters are mailed each month. The Email List for the newsletter contains about 960 addresses. Other alternatives to get critical info to all our seniors are being reviewed by Deb. In order to eliminate mailing the newsletter to people who do not read it, recipients who want the newsletter are being asked to call and leave a message. In this way, we hope to wean down the paper mailing list to those who really need/want it. However, intends to maintain the current list for at least one more month. Those in need will not be left out. The newsletter is also always available on the website.

**Fairbanks project Presentation (Jeff Levine):** Ballot has passed. Town Manager is responsible. Jeff will speak to Henry as to how we can have on-going inputs.

**Chairman's comments:** Included above on Fairbanks.

**Open comments from Sandy Lasky:** Voiced her opinion refuting some conclusions in the Great Barrington Declaration.

**John Beeler** offered his gratitude to Sandy's contributions to the Transportation Activity in town.

**Motion was made by Jeff to adjourn.** Seconded by Bob Lieberman. Unanimous approval by roll-call vote.

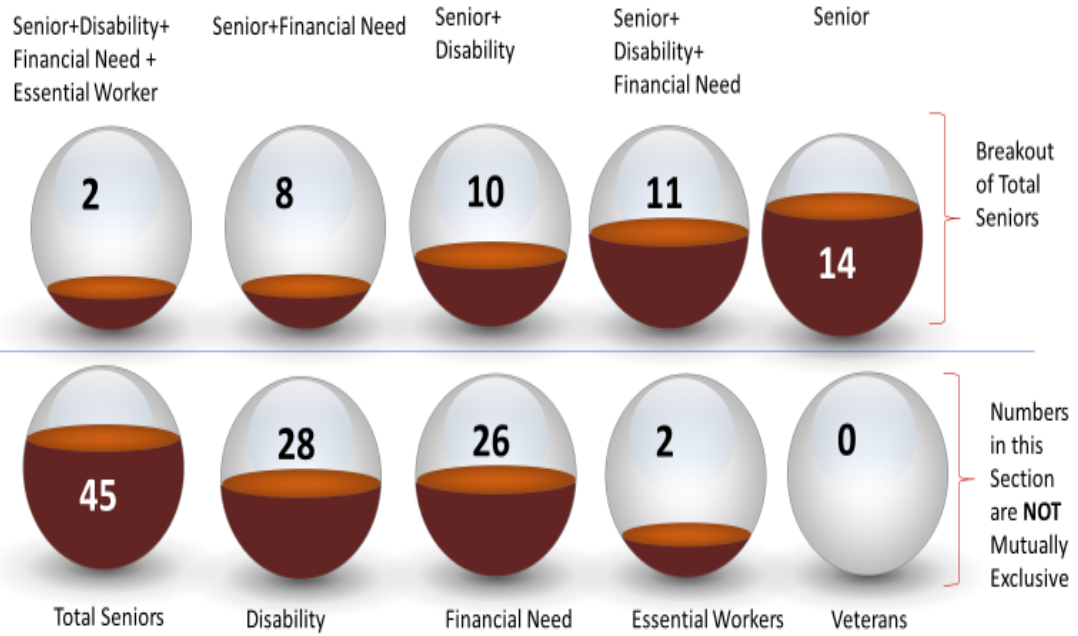
Meetings is now planned to return to Tuesday afternoons. The next meeting therefore will be scheduled for December 08, 2020 at 2PM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Levine at approximately 3.35pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Robert May  
COA Secretary

# Seniors Account for 88% of GoSudbury Tax Applicants

- There have been a total of 51 applicants as of 10/29.



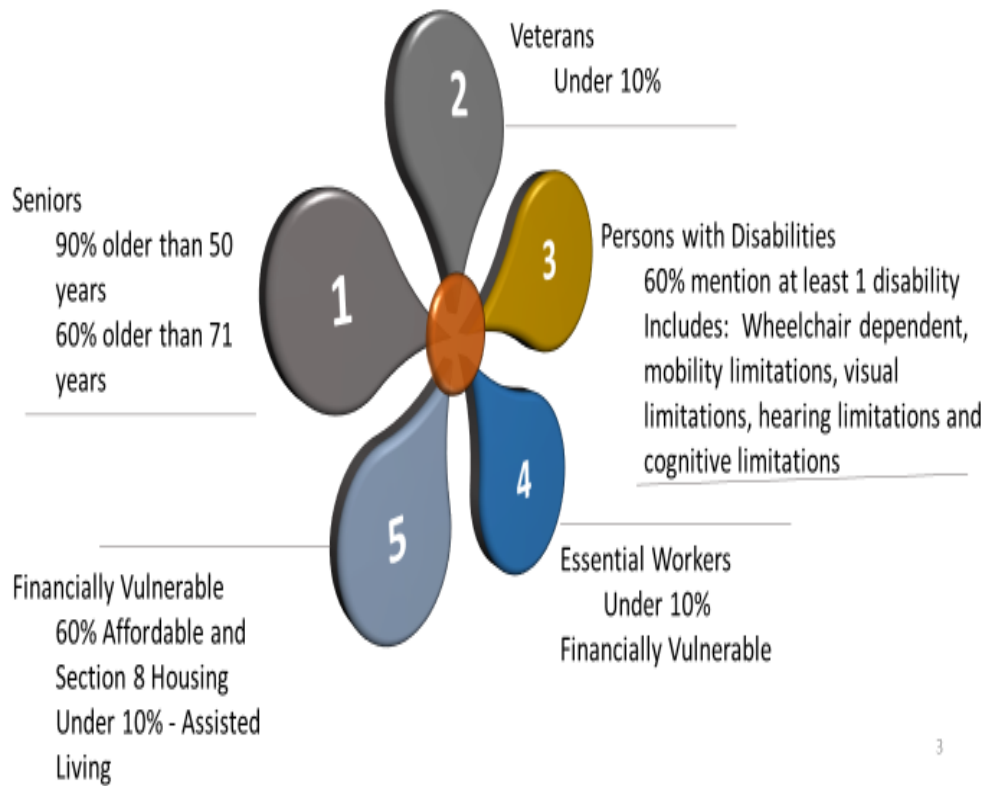
## Three Fourths of the Enrollees Heard About the Program Through The Senior Center



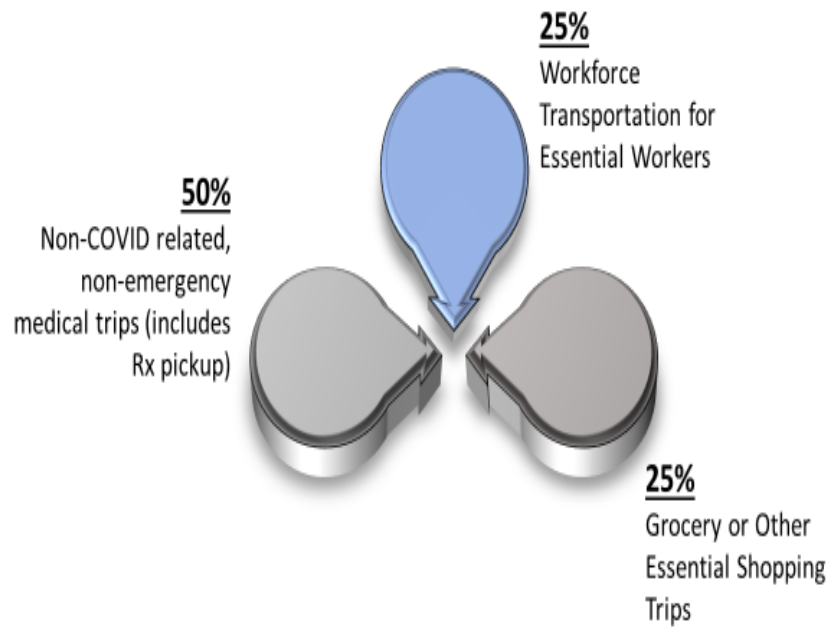
1. Senior Center N=38
2. Newspaper N=4
3. Friend/Relative N=2
4. Coolidge N=1
5. Social Media N=1
6. Sudbury Housing Authority N=1
7. No Answer N=4

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# Residents Served 9/12/20 -10/26/20 (not mutually Exclusive)



The majority of trips are for medical appointments which have most likely been delayed due to the pandemic.



## Current senior rider circumstances (some examples):



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I use a white cane and have hearing and visual impairments.

I use a walker, because of muscle surgery for cancer and radiation.

I use a cane and will need help with shopping bags.

I am 94 years old and use a wheelchair.

I am legally blind.

I have severe back problems and need to keep appointments in Boston.

I am legally blind and travel with my guide dog.

I can only walk slowly but am able to get in and out of a car.

I am thrilled about this program. Thank you

## Making a choice

- Seniors Comprise 88% of all applicants
- The majority of applicants heard about the service through the Senior Center
- Senior Center Van Service will not be available until January or February depending on Board of Health.
- Once available rides will be limited to medical appointments and will be limited to one household per trip which will in turn limit trips per day.

