

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING

April 13, 2021

2:00 PM

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Present: Chairman: Jeff Levine

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

Also Attending: Ana Cristina Oliveira-Acting Director of Sr. Center

Guests via Video: Alice Sapienza; Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource); Jennifer Roberts (Select Board Rep), and Kay Bell.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 2:15 PM

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

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 09, 2021 –The COA unanimously approved as by roll-call vote without amendments.

Director's Report: (Acting Director Ana Cristina Oliveira) A brief summary of the continuing activities offered by the Senior Center Staff primarily by Zoom meeting was shared. AARP Tax assistance was successful and served 100 +; Van services are increasing; March 31, Sudbury Pharm administered vaccines to about 100 special needs citizens.

Baypath Elder Services report (Pat Tabloski): Providing vaccines to the home bound is operating. Baypath also helps with Transportation to get homebound to a site. Recent new Federal programs exist on many aspects of providing support for caregivers as well as their delivery of home care. Carmine was thanked for his support of the home care workers.

Transportation (Sandy Lasky): Programs are underway. Of importance to note is that folks must have a smart phone and know how to use Uber App.

Town ADA Self Evaluation (Bob Lieberman). See Exhibit A. Bob prepared a summary of the issues for the Senior Center with Kay Bell. These were also prioritized per the attached charts. Discussion ensued. The focus on safety was most important. The COA recommended that the Chairperson write a memo to the Town Manager focusing on Safety and emergency signage.

Livable Sudbury (Alice Sapienza)— Alice discussed the background in Sudbury from 2014 when a small group of Seniors met to discuss transportation and the needs for a broader study. In 2017 this led to meeting with Boston College consultants to do a town wide study. The study was funded to a great extent by the Friends of Sudbury Seniors. Alice chose to focus on the feeling of “exclusion or isolated” based on a number of issues especially the basis of income (wage gap or financially vulnerable), but cost of living is also a major issue. Isolation is critical as 40 % of the respondents do not have an advocate within a half hour ride. About 500 individuals in Sudbury have dementia. Discussion ensued. Chairperson Jeff Levine felt this was important enough to continue to develop next steps.

State Legislative Update-Carmine Gentile. No new report

Fairbanks project Update (Jeff Levine): Three Architects are in the finals with the permanent building committee.

New Membership Nominations (Bob Lieberman) Possible nominations include Anna Newberg and Don Sherman. Both are recommended by the nomination committee. Motion proposed and seconded to approve to go to Select Board. Unanimous by voice vote. Jeff also needs COA to nominate Jeff Levine for second term.
Motion and seconded. Unanimous by voice vote.

Annual Report—Jeff Levine Approved for submission to Town Manager. Motioned and seconded. Unanimous vote by voice vote.

Reading Program—(Lasky) Short overview given by Sandy. Issue is can seniors volunteering help the reading issues brought about by the Virus.

Other thoughts/ comments Jennifer Roberts (Select Board Member) updated the COA about the creation of a new Commission for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Sudbury.

Motion was made by Sandy Lasky to adjourn. Seconded by Peg Espinola. Unanimous approval by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 4:03pm.

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 2PM via Zoom. Viewable later on SudburyTV.

Respectfully submitted by
Robert May
COA Secretary

Exhibit A

**Town Of Sudbury
Fairbanks Community Center
Priority For ADA Compliance
Summary By Priority Group**

	Safety	Program Access	Navigation	Additional Access	Total
Priority 1	736	79,065			79,801
Priority 2			11,088		11,088
Priority 3				26,965	26,965
Priority 4					-
	736	79,065	11,088	26,965	117,854