

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 09, 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: Debra Galloway, Director of Senior Center

Guests via Video: Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource) and Kay Bell.

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 January 12, 2021 –The COA unanimously approved by roll-call vote with amendments. Minutes of January 15, 2021 also reviewed and approved by unanimous 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:

February is off to a great start with good participation.

Transportation efforts take a substantial portion of Deb's time.

Tax return preparation service remains popular with modified processes due to the virus.

Baypath Elder Services report (Pat Tabloski): Baypath is working on a plan for protecting the home health care workers used by Baypath. How to get them the vaccine, there is a concern among some of the staff about taking the vaccines. Administration and control issues remain a focus of the board.

Transportation (Sandy Lasky): Original grant is now out of funds due to the acceptance and related success of the program. Sandy asked for an additional **funds** from Mitigation funds for extension to April. A new Grant for Taxi services has been submitted thru Transportation Committee. Cross Town Connect (TMA – Transportation Management Agency) is expected to provide dispatch services if and when a New Grant may be awarded . MOTION By Sandy Lasky to allocate \$5000 from the mitigation funds for Taxi programs for remainder of month of February. Seconded by Carmine. Roll-call vote was unanimous.

Senior Center Vans may start-up on a limited scale in February. Users will be contacted by email to let people know.

Lifestyle Options for Seniors-- Bob May---Small working group created by Jeff to include Bob M., Pat T., and Jeff to scope issues and recommend next steps.

Membership Committee (Jeff Levine). Carmine volunteered for Membership subcommittee. Action needed: Have to replace John Beeler and Bob May for full membership by May as their terms are expiring.

State Legislative Update-Carmine Gentile. 127 bills passed in 27 hours on Jan. 6,2021. Telehealth has been made permanent. **“Surprise” billing was addressed as well.** Other key issues remain on Governor’s desk for signing by January 15, 2021

Fairbanks project Presentation (Jeff Levine): Town has begun requesting bids for project manager. Many firms have shown interest with bids to be returned by January 14. Selection is targeted by end of January. After PM selected architects will be reviewed. First rough estimate of completion of project is 2024.

Committee Liaisons—To be discussed during March 09 meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff to adjourn. Seconded by Sandy. Unanimous approval by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 3:30pm.

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 09, 2021 at 2PM via Zoom. Viewable later on SudburyTV.

Respectfully submitted by
Robert May
COA Secretary