

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING

August 16, 2022  
3:40 PM

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Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

**Present:** Chairman: Jeff Levine

**Members Present:** Anna Newberg, Bob Lieberman, Pat Lewis, Carmine Gentile, Marilyn Tromer and Colin Warwick (joined at 4:12 PM)

**Members Absent: Don Sherman**

**Also Attending:** Debra Galloway Director of Sr. Center

**Guests via Video:** Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource), Jennifer Roberts (Select Board Member) Kay Bell (Chair, Sudbury Commission on Disability)

**Meeting called to order** by Chairman Jeff Levine at 3:40 PM

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

**Approval of Minutes** from COA Meeting of June 27, 2022 –The COA unanimously approved the minutes by roll-call vote as submitted with amendments.

Minutes of the COA Membership Committee meetings of April 11<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and July 25, 2022 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Director's Report: (Debra Galloway):** The morning receptionist open position for the Community Center has been filled to cover nineteen and one half (19 ½) hours per week effective August 29, 2022. Discussion concerning the ongoing construction of the new community center including a new entrance for Park and Recreation as well as a new pathway to the pool which currently closed due to construction. Sandra Duran, the new Town Combined Facilities Manager is scheduled to provide construction updates on September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> 2022. The Dementia Friendly action team is running information sessions to help understand and support individuals in need and an education series is scheduled to run in November for caregivers during Alzheimer Awareness month. In addition, a Portraits of Dementia program is scheduled to run at the Goodnow Library in the spring .A brief update followed with regards to the Transportation Committee transition to Town funding and to utilize Mass Development grants An update followed concerning effective August 1, 2022 an increase in co-pays, increase in age availability from 50 to 60 and over as well as 18 years and older if an individual has a disability or financial need .The Go Sudbury Taxi program continues to be earmarked for medical appointments

only and the Go Sudbury program will now be limited to a 25 mile area and a limit of 20 one way rides per month. An ARPA funding request is pending with the Select Board and the Transportation Committee will be presenting to the Select Board a formal recommendation for the next three to five years to support the program.

**Development of Action Plan based upon Focus Group Findings (Jeff Levine):**

Three areas of concentration were identified including (1) Community Platforms for Communication, (2) Senior Center Name and (3) Programs and Partnerships.

Discussion commenced to consider a weekly highlighter via short email to update current activities and new signage was placed in two locations along Fairbanks Road. Potential target platforms including One Sudbury, Sudbury Town bulletin board on Facebook and Sudbury Patch. Pat Lewis and Marilyn Tromer will look into and advise. Discussion turned to the Senior Center name with consideration speaking to individuals who participate in programs, the use of the word senior is not pejorative and a name change might not increase participation. Jeff Levine will investigate what other towns are naming their facilities. The discussion continued to programs and partnerships and identifying Lincoln-Sudbury high school student programs or neighboring colleges as a resource for lectures, concerts, student in need of tutoring or music programs and clubs. It was noted that the First Parish of Sudbury church has committed to donating their current baby grand piano to the Community Center

**Membership Committee Recommendation and vote (Bob Lieberman):** Bob Lieberman summarized the application and qualifications of Paul Marotta the candidate to fill an open COA board position. A motion was raised by Bob Lieberman and a second by Carmine Gentile to nominate Paul Marotta. The COA unanimously approved the motion by roll-call vote and a time to appear in front of the Select Board will be scheduled.

**Other thoughts/comments:** The recent Select Board "Zoom Bomb" via chat was discussed and consideration as to whether the COA would consider making a welcoming statement in support of diversity, equity and inclusion. A draft statement will be circulated for review and comment for discussion at the next COA meeting.

**Motion was made by Carmine Gentile to adjourn.** Second by Marilyn Tromer . Unanimously approved by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 4:58PM.

**The next regular meeting** is scheduled for September 12, 2022 at 3:30PM via zoom. Viewable later on Sudbury TV (SudburyTV.org).

Respectfully submitted by

Robert Lieberman  
COA Secretary

