

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING

April 10, 2023

3:30 PM

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

Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

Present: Chairman: Jeff Levine

Members Present: Anna Newberg, Bob Lieberman, Marilyn Tromer, Colin Warwick, Paul Marotta,

Members Absent: Carmine Gentile and Don Sherman

Also Attending: Debra Galloway Director of Sr. Center

Guests via Video: Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource), Kay Bell (Chairperson of Commission on Disabilities) Jen Roberts (Select Board Member liaison)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 3:32 PM

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

Approval of Minutes from COA Meetings of March 13, 2023, and Membership Committee meeting of March 30, 2023. –The COA unanimously approved by rollcall vote the minutes as submitted with amendments

Director's Report: (Debra Galloway): Programs and events throughout the month of April include 1) The Emerson Hospital Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Dave will be onsite to discuss Arthritis management 2) A scheduled spring walk working with the Sudbury Valley Trustees scheduled for June 10th 3) On April 26th a miniature therapy horse will be at the Senior Center and 4) A special intergenerational screening of Cycle of Memory , a documentary about two siblings bicycle adventure to find memories their grandfather lost to Alzheimer's on April 26.

It was confirmed that the move in date for the Senior Center into the new facility is November of 2023. Also mentioned was the pool closure from Mid-May through July for repairs. Debra then reviewed new program instructors for water coloring and other types of art, potential programs with the Villagers group and a class for short term memory loss, and "aging mastery". Sudbury police scheduled to be onsite to discuss topics of concern to seniors. The Framingham State University Lifelong Learning programs will begin on April 25th and pre-registration is required. A reminder that Sudbury Town Meeting is Monday, May 1st with everyone encouraged to attend and support the Transportation funding (Article 14) and the Audio-Visual funding (Article 15)

Transportation Committee Report (Bob Lieberman/Debra Galloway): Bob Lieberman gave an update of the recent Transportation Committee meetings and mentioned the frequency that the group meets in order to focus on grant funding and the upcoming Town meeting. Topics covered include 1) Updated financial information for Uber and taxi data. Uber copays paid 35% in February. 2) Framingham COD comments about MWRTA accessible services and advisory board very active regarding regional transit agency. Sudbury is looking forward to engaging with new MWRTA administrator, Jim Nee. 3) Communication continues with the Community Transit Grant opportunity. Looking for expanding Catch Connect services (i.e. more hours and wider service) 4) Slides for the upcoming Town meeting presentation were reviewed with edits as appropriate in support of next fiscal year funding. and 5) Discussion concerning Annex Transit pilot program 12 rides provided in March for 3 riders. Open beta test to all qualified riders for a month and review results. Communicate the new service or cancel the contract.

COA Bylaws Update (Jeff Levine): A red-line version of the Bylaws document was distributed to the committee for review and discussion. After several exchanges of proposed updates and changes including the removal of the formal Membership Committee to be conducted in a less formal matter. Jeff agreed to incorporate those into an updated draft. With those considerations a motion was raised to update and amend the Bylaws by Colin Warwick and second by Anna Newberg, and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Cummings Grant Recognition (Jeff Levine): A discussion lead by Jeff continued with a summary of the Cummings Foundation funds given to the Friends of Sudbury Seniors in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the new kitchen being built in two \$50,000 installments. It was suggested that appropriate recognition be given by the Town of Sudbury. The funding from the Friends of Sudbury Senior Citizens for a covered patio in the amount of \$100,000 and funding for a fireplace in the amount of \$30,000 was also discussed. It was also mentioned that appropriate recognition should be given to them as well. Ideas including a plaque or naming a room were mentioned to show a sense of permanency (i.e. Cummings Kitchen). Jeff read a proposed motion to demonstrate a permanent form of recognition solely at the discretion of the Select Board. A motion was raised to authorize Jeff Levine to draft a letter to the Select Board by Marilyn Tromer and second by Paul Marotta and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Nominating/Membership Committee Recommendation (Bob Lieberman): Bob updated the COA on the interviews conducted and recommended the nomination of Pat Tabloski to the COA. A motion was raised by Anna Newberg and a second by Paul Marotta and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

A discussion ensued regarding continuing second full terms for certain members. A motion was raised to nominate Carmine Gentile to serve a full second term by Colin Warwick and second by Anna Newberg and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

The discussion then turned to serving a first full term for certain members. A motion was raised to nominate Paul Marotta to serve a first full term by Anna Newberg and second by Colin Warwick and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Other thoughts/Comments (Jeff Levine): Jeff mentioned to the members of the COA that there will be open positions for the Chairman's position, Vice chair and Secretary effective June 1, 2023 and asked current members to consider these open positions. Kay Bell was recognized, and she acknowledged the work of the COA by the Counsel on Disabilities. Jen Roberts the Select Board liaison to the COA acknowledged our discussion and support for permanent recognition of the Cummings Foundation and the Friends of Sudbury Senior Citizens in the new Senior Center.

Motion was made by Marilyn Tromer to adjourn. Second by Anna Newberg. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 5:06 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:30PM on May 8, 2023, at the Senior Center with the agreement of all board members. Otherwise, the meeting will be hybrid via zoom. Viewable later on Sudbury TV (SudburyTV.org).

Respectfully submitted by
Robert Lieberman
COA Secretary