

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING

May 8, 2023

3:30 PM

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Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

Present: Chairman: Jeff Levine

Members Present: Anna Newberg, Bob Lieberman, Marilyn Tromer, Colin Warwick, Paul Marotta, Carmine Gentile and Don Sherman

Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Debra Galloway Director of Sr. Center

Guests via Video: Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource), Kay Bell (Chairperson of Commission on Disabilities)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 3:35 PM

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

Approval of Minutes from COA Meetings of April 10, 2023, and Membership Committee meeting of April 10, 2023. –The COA unanimously approved by rollcall vote the minutes as submitted with amendments.

Director's Report: (Debra Galloway): Debra update the COA on events and programs that ran throughout the month of April including 1) The miniature therapy horse was onsite in the gym with thirty participants and each person had an opportunity for some one on one time, 2)The first spring walk working with the Sudbury Valley Trustees at Memorial Forest with twenty participants, 3) The intergenerational screening of Cycle of Memory, documenting a 100 mile bike trip from the Bronx, NY to Philadelphia by two siblings looking to memorialize their grandfather's trip who they lost to Alzheimer's 4) The Framingham State University Lifelong Learning programs began and 5) Jeff and Debra toured the new Community Center under construction and viewed spaces and the layout including the Senior Center, Park and Recreation and Sudbury School . They also viewed the lounge area as well as the patio and pergola space.

Debra again confirmed that the move in date for the Senior Center into the new facility is November 1st through the 5. The transition over five days will include advanced planning and regular meetings and an outside moving company will be retained to facilitate the transition. A discussion followed concerning a "soft" opening in November followed by the grand opening in May 2024 and the types of events to be considered (See Community Center Opening below). Jeff updated the COA on the passing of Article 15 at the Sudbury

Annual Town Meeting in support of Audio-Visual funding in the amount of \$150,000 for enhanced equipment to aid those with hearing impairments.

Transportation Committee Report (Bob Lieberman/Debra Galloway): Bob Lieberman updated the COA of the recent Transportation Committee meetings that are held every two weeks with continued focus on grant funding and the upcoming Town meeting. Topics covered include 1) Annual Town Meeting Article 14 in the amount of \$150,000 passed for the Go Sudbury Taxi and Uber transportation programs. These funds will enable the program to operate into and through fiscal year 2024 along with a grant previously awarded by Mass Development for \$87,000 and now has a balance of \$13,000 through March. 2) State representative Carmine Gentile has sponsored a petition for Go Sudbury in the amount of \$125,000 that has passed the first stage in the house budget and now moves to the Senate for approval in their budget. 3) Discussions commenced with the Mass Department of Transportation for an application for a Community Transit grant. Continued discussion with the Metro West Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) to propose the idea and that the MWRTA be the lead and 4) Annex Transit thirty-day pilot program which began May 1st and services to be offered.

COA Bylaws Update (Jeff Levine): A clean version of the updated Bylaws document was distributed to the COA for review and discussion. A brief discussion followed with one additional edit to be incorporated into the document. With that change made, a motion was raised to accept the Bylaws as amended by Carmine Gentile and second by Don Sherman, and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Nominating Committee Recommendation (Jeff Levine): Jeff lead a discussion about a vote for the slate of new officers for a one-year term beginning on June 1, 2023. The proposed officers will include Marilyn Tromer as Chairperson, Jeff Levine as Vice-Chairperson and Colin Warwick as Secretary. A motion was raised to accept the slate of new officers by Don Sherman and a second by Anna Newberg and was unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Community Center Opening (Jeff Levine): A more detailed discussion continued with regard to the soft opening and what type of events should be included. It was suggested that a soft opening committee be formed to explore possible events with Don Sherman, Anna Newberg and Paul Marotta as its members. Additional discussion included how do we attract people who don't currently come to the Senior Center and the challenges of how we reach those people.

Other thought/Comments (Jeff Levine): Discussion on the Housing Production Plan liaison open position was discussed and determine that Jeff Levine would assume the liaison role for that committee.

Motion was made by Don Sherman to adjourn. Second by Paul Marotta. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 4:53 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:30PM on June 14, 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