

TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Dec 11, 2023  
3:30 PM

**Location: Sudbury Police Station**

**Present:** Chair: Marilyn Tromer

**Members Present:** Anna Newberg, Paul Marotta, Don Sherman, Patricia Tabloski, and Carmine Gentile

**Excused:** Jeff Levine

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

**Guests via Video:** Kay Bell

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Marilyn Tromer at 3:33 PM

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

**Minutes**

Minutes from November 13th approved without correction.

**New Member**

New member Brenda Erickson introduced.

**Director's Report**

Senior Center is closed today. Moving will be complete by next Wednesday. We will move back in on 12/20. Debra toured the new space today. Kitchen appliances inspected and training of new appliances. Everything looked nice, open and clean.

New line dance instructor and exercise instructor hired after the holidays. Meditation class to be renamed "the Wellness Lab" to restart after the holidays. New Art class to start in March.

Survey will begin shortly for planning of new classes and program offerings.

Staffing shortage on the Front Desk is still an issue. New applicants have continued to express interest. We continue to work to fill the afternoon slot vacancy.

Harvey Leonard will speak at the Sr. Center on Tuesday, Jan 16, 2024.

Debra is hoping to provide meals at Sr. Center for lunch at least once/week in new space. Grant will provide some subsidized funds.

We still need a substitute van driver, search continues.

### **Transportation Committee Report – Bob Lieberman**

Go Sudbury Taxi Program – urging Sudbury residents to use the van in lieu of the taxi program. The taxi/Uber grant will be depleted in a couple of months if use continues at the current rate. Outreach continues. We will seek continued funding for the taxi program. Plans for a Boston Hospital shuttle in collaboration with Wayland continues.

Question: can the earmark funds be used for the Annex Transit services which is wheelchair accessible? Yes, the funds can be used for this service.

Uber is switching its programs to a different online model that will provide information on longitude and latitude rather than names and addresses of users. The GoSudbury program continues to use the “profile” model, but will be considering this change in the future. This will provide more privacy to Sudbury residents.

### **Special Event Subcommittee Report (Marotta)**

Due to the later dates for the move to the new Community Center, the Soft Opening event has been changed to Feb. 6 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Flowers, food and music arrangements underway. Funding will be verified as plans continue. This is not meant to supersede the Grand Opening which will likely take place in May after the other entrance and parking lot are finished.

### **Liaison to other Town Committees**

Jeff: Friends of Sudbury Seniors report. Piano purchased and arrangements continue.

Marilyn: Commission on Disability but it has some turnover so the liaison there is on hold.

Don: Goodnow Library – The goal is senior friendly activities. Nothing new to report.

Paul: Park & Rec - The goal is similar to Don’s with the library, namely senior friendly activity.

Pat: Board of Health – Interest in planning for Emergency Kit Preparation in the event of natural disaster was discussed in cooperation with the Board of Health. Plans will be made after the holidays.

Carmine: Sudbury Housing Authority and Sudbury Housing Trust (of which he is chair). Housing Authority requested \$450 to renovate 2 new duplex houses.

Jeff previously reported: The entire Cummings grant (\$100,000) was used to purchase the current kitchen equipment. Planning for the purchase of additional kitchen equipment still needed continues. Two meetings cancelled House and Production Plan working Group as

agenda was not circulated before meeting. New meeting will be planned with input from the Housing Production Forum on Weds. 12/13 evening at 7PM (zoom and in-person).

Shared-space negotiations with Park & Rec continues. Details to be determined.

New Guidelines for the Sudbury Tax Work Off Program will be presented to the Select Board for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Next meeting January 17, 2024 at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Tabloski, COA Secretary