

TO BE REVIEWED at COA Meeting June 17, 2024  
TOWN OF SUDBURY  
COUNCIL ON AGING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 13, 2024  
3:30 PM

**Present:** Chair: Marilyn Tromer

**Members Present:** Anna Newberg, Paul Marotta, Don Sherman, Patricia Tabloski, Carmine Gentile, Jeff Levine, Bob Lieberman.

**Excused:** Brenda Erickson

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

**Guests:** Lilly Turner

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Marilyn Tromer at 3:35 PM

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

### **Call to Order**

Minutes from April 8, 2024 approved without correction.

### **Director's Report – Galloway**

Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was held last week with great success. Sudbury Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager attended. Approximately 85 of 160 volunteers attended. Thanks to Janet Lipkin for planning the event. Ample parking across the street is accessible when the lot outside the Senior Center is full.

A new part-time receptionist has been hired. Job training is underway allowing two people at the front desk for most hours.

A substitute van driver has been hired and job training is underway.

Approximately 415 new members have visited the Senior Center so far this fiscal year.

iPhone workshops have been successful and additional classes will be held in May, June, July and August. Android workshop starts tomorrow and another two will be held in June.

Ping Pong has enrolled 10 people. We have obtained an additional ping pong table.

Six senior students at LSRHS have signed up for a dementia program on May 30. Lincoln-Sudbury High School students will meet with older adults from the Better Day Adult Day program for a craft and luncheon.

### **Senior Center Policies – Galloway**

Standards for participation will be updated and brought to the next meeting for discussion.

### **Transportation Committee Report – (Lieberman)**

April 26, new renewal contracts done for taxi and Uber service with transportation have been signed.

We have received ½ of our earmark funding from the state (\$31,250) instead of the full earmark of \$62,500. It is anticipated that we will receive the remainder of the full funding after we have spent the initial funding in full.

GoGo for Business also known as GoGo Grandparent gave a presentation to the committee. This service focuses on seniors and provides 24/7 on demand service access to Uber. They partner with Uber and rides can be accessed either via 1 touch dialing on a land line or through an online app. The fee structure and service opportunities will need further evaluation by the committee.

Catch Connect service Launch event will be held at the Sr Center on June 6 at 1PM. Grant funded. Wheel chair accessible van. Year-long grant funded project providing on-demand transportation within Sudbury and along Route 20 into Marlborough Target plaza.

### **Nominating Committee – Membership**

Allison Dana has been interviewed by the Nominating Committee. She is highly qualified and recommended for joining the COA by the committee. Motion to recommend her to the Select Board is voted as unanimous.

Brenda Erickson has resigned from the COA due to health reasons. We thank her for her service.

### **New Officers Slate– Tromer**

The new officers slate is presented by Chair Tromer, effective June 1, 2024.

Tromer as Chair

Tabloski as Co-chair

Acting Secretary Lieberman

Motion to accept & seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

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

Tromer:

#### **Commission on Disability (COD)**

At their 5/1 meeting, they did a recap on the event they presented April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Goodnow Library entitled, “Strategies for Disability Inclusion: Creating an Inclusive Culture for All”. That event was presented by Lisa Drennan, founder of MERGE Inclusion Consulting. It was very interactive with the attendees, and excellent.

### **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)**

The DEI currently is a 13-member board. Since December they have seven members. There is a discussion with the Select Board to reduce the membership to seven going forward. In the meantime, two members have stepped up to be temporary co-chairs. Of the seven current members, five of them have terms ending May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Select Board will be in conversation with them about renewing their appointments.

### **Friends of the Sudbury Seniors**

At their April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, there was a discussion on decorating the walls at the new Senior Center. They are considering funding the recreation of an historic picture to be mounted on the wall behind the reception desk. Jeff also reported representatives from the Cummings Foundation visited the Community Center and surveyed the kitchen equipment purchased with Foundation funding.

**Pat:**

#### **Board of Health**

On May 21 the Board of Health and the Health Department will air a film entitled “Back to Life”, from the Drug Story Theater with discussion from Dr. Joseph Shrand. The film will be shown in the auditorium of the Lincoln-Sudbury High School from 7-8:30 PM.

**Carmine:**

#### **Housing Authority and Housing Trust**

Sudbury Housing Authority and Sudbury Housing Trust (of which he is chair). Article passed at Town Meeting (over \$300,000) - For starting the creation of new units of affordable housing. Members of housing trust will meet with housing trusts from other towns. A possibility exists that a small tax might be collected to go to a housing trust (transfer tax), similar to the ordinance in Concord.

Housing authority bill authorizing work on renovation of two duplex units in Sudbury was withdrawn and indefinitely postponed from vote at town meeting and is investigating a new bill funding a potential renovation on the Scouts of America property along Nobscot Rd. Three homes are on that property now but are now abandoned. Driveway renovation needed with estimated cost over \$3 million.

**Debra:**

Community Center Updates – new projected Grand Opening date has been potentially scheduled for September. There are construction and audiovisual projects that need to be finished.

#### **Housing Production Plan Review (Levine)**

This Committee is charged with updating an affordable housing plan developed 5 years ago. 40 B requirements have been met. Commission of Disabilities and town planner also attended last

Housing Authority meeting. Changes in the last 5 years include affordability and planning of needed housing. Draft plans are currently out for review. Surveys and meetings with residents have been held. Deadline for feedback was May 1. Housing trust has requested an extension of 120 days. Select Board is considering the request. Jeff is concerned that the plan does not address need for market rate smaller housing for older residents to downsize to.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Next meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Tabloski, COA Secretary