

TO BE REVIEWED at COA Meeting
TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING

April 14, 2025

3:30 PM

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Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

Present: Chairperson: Marilyn Tromer

Members Present: Anna Newberg, Bob Lieberman, Paul Marotta, Pat Tabloski, Carmine Gentile and Don Sherman, Jane Keilty will be a full member in June.

Members via Zoom: None

Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Jill Dube, Assistant Director; Lisa Kouchakdjian, Select Board Liaison

Guests via Video: Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource):

Guests in person: None

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Marilyn Tromer at 3:34 PM

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

Approval of Minutes The COA unanimously approved by roll call vote - the minutes as submitted with amendments from the COA Meeting of March 10, 2025.

Staff Introductions (Jill Dube, Asst. Director): New COA Director Nicole Boardman to begin April 30th.

Means Tested Sr Tax Exemption Amendment & Special Act – Gentile

Discussion ensued. COA voiced unanimous support of the article which will be presented at Town meeting May 5.

Director's Report: (Jill Dube): The Loan closet is opening today. New donations not yet accepted. Currently the Senior Center welcomes approximately 70 visitors each day; heaviest day Thursday, followed by Weds & Tues. Music offerings to start in April. Poker table in use on Thurs afternoon. Money received by the town to purchase the kitchen equipment.

Membership Committee (Bob Lieberman):

We have filled two of the open seats including Mary McLaughlin and Joel Bauman. Both unanimously approved by the Board. Mary Brauer has also expressed interest and will be interviewed shortly.

Transportation Committee Report (Bob Lieberman): Bob Lieberman updated the COA of the recent Transportation Committee meeting that was held on April 4, 2025. Town social worker attended last meeting and presented information on town residents needing transportation. Hospital Shuttle and Catch Connect will shut down in June or July of this year. Dispatch software will be doubling its price. As an alternative the committee is considering switching to a voucher system. This option is being pursued and other towns in our area using a voucher system will be consulted for their experiences.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the viability of the transportation programs continuing, transportation funding resources, town staff assistance and the viability of the transportation programs without additional funding resources other than grants.

Housing Authority and Trust: (Carmine Gentile). Four possible homes in Sudbury identified and State has supplied funding to build duplexes. Pending Article 46 will be presented at Town meeting to authorize use of the funding.

Liaison Update: (Marilyn Tromer): DEI Committee did not meet. Friends will be sponsoring two concerts one in April and one in May with the New England Conservancy performing. The COA is seeking funding for outside activities including horse shoes, bocci and cornball.

Motion was made by Don Sherman to adjourn. Second by Paul Marotta. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 4: 35PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:30PM on May 12, 2025, at the Senior Center with the agreement of all board members. The meeting will be hybrid via zoom. Viewable later on Sudbury TV (SudburyTV.org).

Respectfully submitted by
Patricia Tabloski

