

TO BE REVIEWED AT COA MEETING
TOWN OF SUDBURY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 12, 2026, 3:30 PM
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Conference account and In-Person at Senior Center
WEBSITE: <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/CouncilOnAging/>
Meeting conducted Via Zoom

Present: Chairperson: Paul Marotta
Members Present: Joel Bauman, Jane Keilty, Patricia Tabloski.
Members via Zoom: Carmine Gentile, Mary Brauer
Members absent: Mary McLaughlin
Also attending: Jill Dube, Assistant Director
Guests via Video: None
Guests in person: None

Meeting called to order by chairperson Paul Marotta at 3:32pm. Attendance by all those members above confirmed by roll-call affirmation.

Approval of Minutes - December Minutes were not approved. Amendments will be made and voted on at February meeting.

General Discussion: The group discussed updating a strategic plan and conducting a survey to gather community feedback. We explored various methods to reach a wider audience, including using technology instead of focus groups and collaborating with local organizations. Mary suggested targeting older middle-aged adults and addressing loneliness as a priority. The team also discussed using flash votes, resident service coordinators, and the Sudbury Weekly to distribute surveys. They agreed to follow up on potential contacts with the Metro West Foundation and Springwell at their next meeting.

Discussion continued regarding sending selectboard a formal article to eliminate COA term limits and to add 2 alternate board members to the COA. Nickole will forward the article for approval.

Chair Report - Taste of Sudbury event on 12/18/25. Luncheon was well attended. Mr. Marotta reported he has received two applications for the two vacant COA positions as well as one application for the Associate position. Interviews will take place during the month of January.

Director's Report - Holiday Village on 12/6 had over 1,000 attendees with 20 vendors. Toys for Tots, a food and coat drive continue.

Liaison Updates:

Transportation Committee Report (Brauer) The Transportation Committee discussed updates on various transportation services, including the hospital shuttle to Boston area hospitals, Catch Connect's performance with 3,000 trips in 2025, and Uber voucher usage. They reviewed plans for an emergency ride voucher program to be used after hours when the senior center and social work office are closed, with a proposed \$30 voucher amount.

Carmine Gentile reported on the Housing Authority. Approved funding for the housing trust and ongoing property assessments for potential housing development, including a wetland delineation study for a Hudson Road property that could accommodate two housing units.

Springwell Update (Joel Bauman)- Individuals may be losing access to SCO services. Springwell has reached out and offered referrals to the Home Care Program and fee for service programs. Springwell's new Marlborough office at 290 Donald Lynch Blvd has opened. No changes in email addresses or phone numbers.

AAA Advisory Council. Springwell continues to seek new members to join the AAA Advisory Council. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of odd months at 1 pm. Those interested can reach out to: Donlyn Cannella at dcannella@springwell.com

The Commission on Disabilities OD (Jane Keilty) met on 11/18/25. Kay Bell reported that ramps at Broadacres linking the parking lot to the trail do not meet ADA compliance standards and asked that the COD make sure the town doesn't accept the ramp as complete. The COD is developing a warrant article on full inclusion to be presented at the spring town meeting.

Friends of the Senior Center (Marotta): They continue to sponsor luncheons at senior center. Elected officers at their recent meeting. Three concerts from The New England Conservatory planned in 2026. Finalized their new logo.

Strategic Planning Committee (Pat Tabloski) Discussion regarding conducting a new survey to gather current data about older residents' needs, with plans to meet in January to develop survey questions.

Motion to adjourn by Jane Keilty, seconded by Mary Brauer passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

Next Meeting

February 9, 2026 at 3:30 pm, Senior Center, hybrid via Zoom; later viewable on Sudbury TV.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Tabloski