

TO BE REVIEWED AT COA MEETING
TOWN OF SUDBURY COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2025, 3:30 PM

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COA meetings done over Town Zoom video
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: Mary Brauer, Dr. Joel Bauman, Carmine Gentile, Jane Keilty, Mary McLaughlin, Anna Newberg, Don Sherman, Patricia Tabloski.
Members via Zoom: None
Members absent: None
Also attending: Nickole Boardman, Director
Guests via Video: Lynne Puorro, Lisa Kouchadkdjian and Kay Bell
Guests in person: Tom McGowan, Sudbury Community Food Pantry and Ralph Tyler

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 - Minutes of November 10, 2025 approved unanimously.

General Discussion - Tom McGowan, a volunteer and board member of the Sudbury Community Food Pantry, presented an overview of the organization's operations and challenges. The pantry provides food assistance to families in need. The presentation aimed to raise awareness about the pantry's work. A number of handouts were given to illustrate their involvement in the community.

Discussion continued regarding sending selectboard a formal article to eliminate COA term limits and to add 2 alternate board members to the COA. Unanimously approved.

Chair Report - Taste of Sudbury events continue to be popular and well attended.

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

Liaison Updates:

Transportation Committee Report (Brauer) 34 vouchers assigned in November with no one being turned away. There will be a ceremony on Friday at 1:30 at the Senior Center to receive a \$50,000. Massachusetts State Transportation Grant.

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 is seeking 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.

Don Sherman and Anna Newberg are resigning as of December 31, 2025. Both were acknowledged for their service.

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

Next Meeting

January 12, 2026 at 3:30 pm, Senior Center, hybrid via Zoom; later viewable on Sudbury TV.

Respectfully submitted by Mary McLaughlin