TO BE REVIEWED AT COA MEETING
TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 8, 2026
3:30 PM
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WEBSITE:http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/CouncilOnAging/
Meeting conducted Via Zoom

Members Present: Chair Paul Marotta, Vice Chair Pat Tabloski, Secretary Carmine Gentile, Dr. Joel Bauman, Mary Brauer (via zoom at 3:37), Jane Keilty, Dr. Jonathan Harding

Members absent: Louis Petrovic, Mary McLaughlin

Also Attending: Nickole Boardman, Director, Kay Bell, member of the Liberty Ledge/Camp Sewataro Advisory Committee and the Housing Trust

Guests via Video: Lisa Kouchakdjian, Select Board Liaison
Guests in person: Sandra Duran, Sudbury Combined Facilities Director

Meeting called to order by Chair Paul Marotta at 3:31 PM; attendance confirmed by roll call.

Minutes from meeting of May 11, 2026 approved unanimously on voice vote (without roll call).

Capital improvements to Haskell Field to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

Sudbury Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran informed the Council that four years ago the Town had prepared a facilities self-assessment and transition plan which had identified Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues at Haskell Field. It is now time to implement the transition plan and provide access to the playing fields required by the State Architectural Board.

After the new Community Center was built the Haskell Field and Fairbank Community Center Working Group presented these current plans to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) asking for funds to create a second basketball court, a summer camp pavilion, and a circuit path around Haskell Field for universal access. The requested funding would match a $250,000 grant request about to be submitted to the Massachusetts Office for Disability Services. Director Duran requested that the COA provide a letter of support for the grant application which had a filing deadline of June 10, 2026.

After brief discussion with Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian, Pat Tabloski volunteered to draft a letter of support from the COA. Pat Tabloski moved that we authorize her to prepare a

letter of support to be signed by the Chair and transmitted to Sandra before the two-day deadline. The motion was seconded by Joel and received a unanimous VOTE in favor.

Park and Recreation, State Representative Carmine Gentile, the Select Board, and the Commission on Disability have also furnished letters of support.

Comments on Annual Planning Meeting/Strategic Plan

[See Strategic Plan for the Council on Aging / Senior Center 2026 Draft – 6/2/2026 (6 pages)]

Carmine noted that Goal 6: Ensure Financial Sustainability requires advocacy with the Finance Committee and Select Board to achieve increased funding in the budget voted at future Annual Town Meetings

Pat questioned what kind of data we will need and Mary Brauer volunteered to create metrics for us to use to measure progress toward our goals stated in the Strategic Plan.

Membership

Patsy Maxon had previously been interviewed by 3 members of the COA and found to be "eminently qualified." Following a motion by Jane Kielty which was seconded by Joel Bauman, it was VOTED: unanimously (ayes and nays without roll call) to recommend to the Select Board that Patsy Maxon be appointed as an Alternate Director of the Council on Aging.

Public Comments none

Select Board Comments

Select Board member Lisa Kouchakdjian noted that on June 11th 2026 the Landscape Masterplan Workshop would be meeting, on June 24, 2026 the Liberty Ledge/Sewataro Advisory Commission would meet, and tomorrow (June 9, 2026) the first Housing Roundtable would be held at Goodnow Library.

COA Chair comments

Paul thanked Senior Center Director Nickole Boardman for successfully obtaining a Cummings Foundation Grant of $75,000 a year for 3 years for food, kitchen equipment, supplies, and staff salary. [see 2 page "Sudbury Senior Center events JUNE 2026" handout], the successful weekly Tuesday lunches, and planning for the upcoming June 11th annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Paul noted that Dave Henckels, Chair of the Liberty Ledge/ Camp Sewataro Advisory Committee had invited the COA to participate in their June 24, 2026 meeting and we were also invited to the Housing Roundtable at Goodnow Library on June 24th at 7pm.

Dr. Joel Bauman noted that there would be a Partners in Care program on 6/23/2026.

Senior Center Director Report

Nickole noted the successful Cummings Foundation 3-year grant which Paul had spoken of earlier (see above) and reviewed the 2-page *Sudbury Senior Center events JUNE 2026* handout.

Grants for a health program and technology have been applied for. May participation figures were reviewed, averaging 95.1 people visiting the Senior Center daily.

Transportation Committee Report

Mary Bauer reported that a contract to transport persons using wheelchairs was being worked out.

Committee Liasson Reports

Disability Commission: Jane reported the Commission had met on 5/26/2026. July 26, 2026 will be National Disability Day;

Housing: Carmine noted that the first Sudbury Housing Roundtable would be tomorrow night at Goodnow Library. The State Police Crime Lab on Horse Pond Road would be closing and provide an affordable housing opportunity.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): John Harding noted that PRIDE DAY would be celebrated in Town Center this weekend.

Friends of the Senior Center: Paul noted a trip to see the Boston Symphony Orchestra and other trips coming up. A website is being developed.

Other Topics not anticipated:

There was discussion of the Liberty Ledge property owned by the Town, three quarters of which is occupied by Camp Sewataro. At 5:20pm Kay Bell, a member of the Liberty Ledge/ Sewataro Advisory Committee suggested that Directors visit and have a look at the property. Paul volunteered to go. There will be opportunities for public comment on June 18th and July 16th.

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Unanimously VOTED to adjourn at or about 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Carmine Gentile
Secretary