

## COD Minutes

**Thursday September 26, 2013 6:34 PM**

**Council On Aging, 40 Fairbank Road Sudbury, MA**

**Attendees:** Lotte, Anna, Steve Parker

**Not in Attendance:** Peter Sargent

**Guests:** Roy Porter, Amy Porter, Jim Kelly, Bob Chandler, Deb Galloway, Amy Shapiro (Lincoln/Sudbury 2011 Graduate), Pat Elgart

### Guest Introductions – Welcome

Pat – Visited in winter, here again

Amy – LS graduate. Here to be a young voice for the town.

### Approve Minutes from June 20, 2013

- Motion to approve minutes from June Meeting by Anna
- Second motion by Lotte
- Minutes were approved

### New Business

**Pine Lakes Milley Memorial Presentation:** Bill Chandler, Jim Kelly

Jim brought blue prints for the memorial that have been updated since the last COD meeting. The last meeting discussed the issue of accessibility with the stairs to access the memorial. New memorial has NO stairs, only ramp.

#### **Discussion:**

- 3 plans, final design has been set
- Railings leading up to memorial: Do we need one on each side?
- More research should go into the appropriate surface to use. Any sort of hard dirt surface will get muddy and inaccessible in the rain.
- Flag Stone Surface: Lotte mentioned flat stones in Boston on cobble stone roads allowing users with wheelchairs to access that space without tripping or struggling on the cobblestones.

### Police Station

Jim Kelly explains Fire Department & Police Department connection and what the ideas are for the new facility. Going to come back in winter to show us plans once it is voted in by the town.

### Transportation: Deb Galloway

- New van approved to be brought to town. We have the van and the schedule has been made. Amy Porter is the driver.
- Approved by MWRTA to have the van run 3 days a week (Monday, Thursday, Friday) Plus old van (5 days) \*9:00-1:00pm.
- Old van (new part of fleet) back from a tune up and is ready to go. Amy Porter is driver, did training
- Amy Shapiro: wants to advocate for a fixed route in town so people with disabilities can get around town. Amy needs this service and knows many others that do as well. Amy enjoys public policy and wants to reach out to political avenues to make this happen.

#### **Discussion:**

- Could new bus run a “route” around town or in the area?
- The new schedule was made and the van is going to be filled with the same sort of users as the first van. Many seniors that need to be taken to appointments. We want to make sure that people with disabilities who just want to get around town, do errands, shop, etc have the opportunity to do so and the COD is worried that this is not going to happen with the

- same sort of van schedule as in the past. Worry that the van will be used with same model as currently and will continue to eliminate users with Disabilities (non-seniors).
- COD would like to work with Deb to create a fixed route and perhaps a few points in town that are “scheduled” stops instead of just allowing senior citizens to utilize the funds.
  - Steve: Route to Wellesley Farms to take train to Boston?  
Must consider the number of wheelchair users. Are they able to access the van easily and consistently?
  - Would like to see a stop made at the T so people could access Boston
  - Asked that Deb send info about new van to COD so group can write an article for the paper letting the community know about the vans and how to register. Flyer/Survey about what we want.

**Future**

Framingham – Out of Town?

Round Town Route?

Wellesley Farms – Transfer Hubs?

**Next Meeting: 10/24/13**

**Adjourn: 8:35pm**