

## COD Minutes

9/25/2014 7 pm

Attendees: Steve Parker, Amber Comeau (to be added to Commission), Lotte Diomedede and Pat Elgart

Introductions: Steve Parker, 34 year resident, interested in transportation and getting more people involved; Lotte Diomedede, COD Chair and 13 year resident; Pat Elgart, 5 year resident, COD Secretary and on Media Committee; and Amber Comeau, Assistant Director of Park & Recreation Department and Adaptive Program, interested in becoming a COD member

### Approval of April ?, 2014 Minutes

Motion by Lotte Diomedede, Seconded by Steve Parker

### New Business

- News Article – Pat Elgart will submit a draft to Lotte Diomedede:
  - Massive Campaign for every other week – inviting Sudbury residents – COME ATTEND A MEETING!
    - a. New Members / New Ideas – currently have some openings
    - b. Interesting Topics & Projects we have addressed
      - i. Restaurant Project, recently completed
      - ii. Braille Project – greatly improved signage in the High School
      - iii. Automatic Doors installed in Fairbanks Community Center
      - iv. Sponsored Scholarships to enroll in Adaptive Recreation Program
      - v. To increase local transportation in town and beyond
    - c. Discussion of possible new members from friends and people we know of with disabilities or that have relatives with disabilities
    - d. Discussion of moving the time to accommodate people with more serious disabilities
      - i. Pat Elgart will ask if she can leave work an hour earlier once a month to accommodate her involvement with the COD – if so, we could meet as early as 4:30 and end as early as 5:30 or 6pm
- Transportation Discussion
  - a. Pat Elgart will contact Deb Galloway, Director of Senior Center, to get information to put in the local papers for Sudbury residents to request transportation
  - b. More discussion about the 2<sup>nd</sup> bus loop
    - i. Is it up and running?
    - ii. Where to go from here
      - In town only or to expand a bit beyond our borders?
- Integrated Program in HS – up to 22 for children on IEP's
  - a. Lincoln Sudbury HS has a program where Teacher Assistants (TA's) take kids with special needs to volunteer somewhere every other Wednesday morning as part of their school day to places such as:

- i. Subury Food Pantry
  - ii. Library
  - iii. Fairbanks Community Center
- b. Pat Elgart spoke of TAP (Transitioning into Adulthood Program) in IL (Independent Living) Movement as being very similar, and offered to bring some of the town's initiatives to the attention of the MetroWest Center for Independent Living's new TAP Director since Sudbury is in our service area.

#### Old Business

- a) Restaurant Project Update – now completed so Lotte Diomedede will forward to Amber Comeau so that it can be inputted to the web
- b) Rail Trail – all set

#### Future

- a) New Logo for 2<sup>nd</sup> Bus Loop?
- b) Next COD Meetings, also reserved for the Senior Center room, will be Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>, the week before Thanksgiving