

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 8, 2016

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Present:

Director: Debra Galloway

Members Present: John Beeler, Alice Sapienza, Melissa Immonen, Carmine Gentile, Barry David, Bob May, Bob Diefenbacher

Excused: Patricia Tabloski, Chairman Jack Ryan,

Guests: Carolyn Markuson
Meagan Donoghue, Town Planning Director

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Barry David at 3:05. Barry declared that a quorum was present.

Minutes of November 19, 2016: Accepted. Moved by Beeler, seconded by Sapienza

Guest Presentation and Discussion of Transportation Agenda item.

Meagan Donoghue explained her previous experience in planning and provided updates on Coolidge Phase II and Avalon. She noted that the ZBA needed to respond about Coolidge by 3/11/17. There is no update on Sudbury Station except that several lawsuits are pending.

In discussion, Council members pointed out that two COA letters have been sent to the ZBA regarding the residents' transportation needs. Meagan stated that ZBA chair believes Coolidge should provide its own van, and that he wants the COA to present van information at a ZBA meeting. She noted a transportation program called SCN Elderbus in Charleton and also a Minuteman Sub regional Meeting January 5, 2017 for potential investigation by the COA Transportation Subcommittee.

Director's Report

Deb attended the Selectman's meeting and received approval to increase the hourly pay rate for the tax workoff program to \$11/hour, to match the new minimum wage in Massachusetts January 1, 2017. She met with MWRTA representatives to review the results of extended van hours. After hours van use has increased. Ed Carr (MWRTA) suggested contacting the Crosstown Connect Group operating across town boundaries to Sudbury's north that supports a variety of transportation needs. Deb will look into how Sudbury could possibly collaborate with this program. The UBER program is on hold because other towns are slow getting their payment processing plans in place. Possible startup is in March 2017 timeframe. A new outreach person replacing Anne is starting full time in January. Anne will stay on as a part-time facilitator for support groups and workshops.

BayPath Liason Report

John Beeler reported that they are doing a good job closing their deficit gap.

LINC Program Update

Bob Diefenbacher reviewed results of the first LINC program held at Haynes with 15 students participating and included suggestions from the senior participants regarding changes for the next program scheduled in April

2017. Deb, Judy Battat (Program Coordinator) and Bob will meet with SPS personnel in early January to review the results and suggestions with them.

Fairbank Community Center

John Beeler reported for Jack Ryan. SPS will not be a part of the building as of today. The revenue neutral goal caused Park & Rec to add a number of income-generators to the building which now won't be part of it since the revenue neutral goal has been removed from the objectives.

Space for Senior Center Programs in the Short Term

Bob May offered to help Deb by looking for town space sources outside the current building for projected Senior Center needs in the short term (3-5 years.) The COA discussed space options and endorsed the idea for a study by Bob and Deb.

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 4:28 pm.

Next Meeting January 12, 2017 3:00 pm in Senior Center.