

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 8, 2017

WEBSITE: <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/CouncilOnAging/>

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Director: Debra Galloway

Members Present: Jack Ryan, Bob May, Alice Sapienza, Melissa Immonen, Carmine Gentile, Amy Unckless

Absent: Barry David

Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Chair Beeler at 3:00 PM

Minutes of Meeting on April 13, 2017

Minutes approved and accepted.

Fairbank Community Center (Beeler, Ryan)

John and Jack discussed updates for planning for the new community center. Response regarding the RFP from the town will be received by John Beeler tomorrow. Select Committee will meet on the 19th of June. Updates to follow.

Transportation (Sapienza, Galloway)

Uber update: Natick and Framingham are pulling out of the Uber grant. Sudbury is in the process of proceeding with the Uber grant or deciding not to participate. Transportation continues to be a problem in Sudbury. Handouts distributed: See Attachment A for "Assessing Sudbury Transportation Options, Based on Rider Location and Service Attributes and Map of Sudbury noting high density older adult residents. Discussion ensued.

Age Friendly/Needs Assessment Alice Sapienza

Deb and Alice met with UMass Boston planners regarding needs assessment for the town of Sudbury on May 3. Projected cost is \$35,000 for the needs assessment. The COA would like to pursue a grant from the Sudbury Foundation. Alice met with Friends of the COA to seek seed funds. Handout noting the difference between an RFP for a needs assessment and the town sponsored Fairbanks Task Force was distributed. See Appendix B.

Sudbury is proceeding with the Age/Dementia Friendly community initiative. There is also an AARP Community Challenge (See Attachment C); Deadline is June 30 for applications for funds.

Living in the Current Senior Center Space (Beeler)

Suggestions will be sought for making the Sr. Center more livable. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator (Galloway)

Ed Gottmann is retiring and wrapping up his programs this month. Resumes from persons wishing to fill the position of Volunteer Coordinator have been received and are under review.

Health Information (May)

Bob presented ideas for informing the Sudbury Seniors regarding health information and insurance. Wide support was expressed.

Minutes of May meeting. Accepted without revision.

Director's Report (Galloway)

Deb has connected with Congregation Beth-El so Tai Chi can be moved in the summer when we lose access to the gym. Deb is pleased with the space. Thanks for Bob May for helping to make the connection.

Baypath Liaison Report (Tabloski). Update Provided. See Appendix D.

ACTIONS:

Motion to Adjourn: 4:30 PM

Date for Next Meeting – July 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

It is proposed that effective in September the COA meeting will move to Tuesday afternoon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Tabloski Secretary