

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
7-13-2017

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

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Director: Debra Galloway

Members Present: Bob May, Alice Sapienza, Carmine Gentile, Amy Unckless, Barry David

Absent: Jack Ryan, Melissa Immonen

Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Chair Beeler at 4:20 PM

Minutes of Meeting on May 11, 2017

Minutes approved and accepted.

Fairbank Community Center (Beeler)

John discussed updates for planning for the new community center. Meeting will be scheduled sometime later in July to make a recommendation on the firm to be used as the consultants for the building process. Discussion ensued. Updates to follow.

Transportation/Age-Friendly/Needs Assessment (Sapienza)

BayPath grant title III grant submitted for a Route 20 circuit twice a week. It is a pilot that will allow us to enhance services without the need to reserve a seat. AARP community challenge grant submitted on July 12. Targeted will be employment (transportation to work); child-care opportunities in affordable developments (transportation to child-care centers that accept vouchers); after hour services (targeting seniors and others to attend community meals, evening church services, etc.); and to provide transportation services who have sudden transportation need.

Health Information (May)

Plans will be developed to hold information sessions to inform Sudbury seniors about Medicare issues. Discussion ensued.

Age Friendly/Needs Assessment (Sapienza)

The COA has assembled a draft document featuring "livable Features" of Sudbury that make it age-friendly. Document will be refined and distributed for further discussion.

Conference call will be held in July to discuss Age-friendly topics and needs assessment with UMass Boston researchers. Community support will be sought with increasing communications and keeping Sudbury residents informed about the work of the COA and the needs assessment.

Sudbury is proceeding with the Age/Dementia Friendly community initiative/AARP Community Challenge.

Directors Report (Galloway)

Thanks to Alice for preparing the AARP transportation grant. Search for volunteer coordinator continues. Finalists to be interviewed shortly.

BayPath Liason Report (Tabloski)

Board Meeting June 17 Summary distributed (See Appendix A).

Chairman's Comments (Beeler)

John voiced concerns over space in the Sr. Center and Board involvement in the Volunteer Luncheon. Discussion ensued.

ACTIONS:

Motion to Adjourn: 5:30 PM

Date for Next Meeting – September 12, 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