

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 12, 2017

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

Present: Chairman: John Beeler

Members Present: Patricia Tabloski, Debra Galloway, Melissa Immonen, John Beeler, Alice Sapienza, Bob May, Barry David, Amy Unckless, Jack Ryan, Carmine Gentile.

Members Absent: None

Guests: Dan Carty

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

Dan Carty – Sudbury Selectman

Dan introduced himself and discussed aging issues and his views regarding the new Fairbanks Community Center. He is the new liaison to the COA. He plans to attend as many COA Board meetings as his schedule permits.

Minutes of July Meeting - Accepted without revision.

Director's Report – Galloway. 1. New volunteer coordinator, Janet Lipkin started in August. She works 19 hours/week. New office space has been found for her. 2. New outreach coordinator is currently out on medical leave. She will return next week. 3. Grant from the state Elder Affairs has not been finalized. We are hopeful we will be funded at last year's level. 4. We are recruiting part-time van drivers (10-19 hrs/week). One prospective driver will be interviewed tomorrow. 5. Community Challenge grant was not funded but two BayPath grants were funded. One for Cultural Outreach and one for fixed route transportation. 6. Repair Café – Howard Kendell offered to organize the Repair Café. He has volunteers to help older people with household items that need repair. We have partnered with the Sudbury Historical Society who will support these efforts and serve refreshments. The first session will be held at the Sr. Center on Oct 28th from 9AM-12PM.

BayPath – Tabloski

Concerns over the state budget exist and discussed at the July meeting. The new facility for preparing meals for the nutrition program are in place and under renovation. BayPath has launched the Savvy Caregiver program. Discussion ensued.

Chairman's Report – Beeler

John has asked that all documents produced by the COA be named, dated, and all persons who worked on the document be listed. This represents the "Power of

Committee". On Oct 5th a Kick off meeting will be held for the new feasibility study with Pros consulting. Some members expressed reservations regarding the inexperience of Pros Consulting with aging issues. Chair Beeler will work with town officials and attend meetings representing the views of the COA.

Communication Plan – Tabloski

A draft of a Communication Plan document was circulated with 15 topics listed as priority and discussion ensued regarding consolidating the list and organizing topics under the “age friendly” pillars. Amy Unckless agreed to work with Pat to organize and prioritize the topics for discussion at the next COA meeting.

Transportation/Age-Friendly/Needs Assessment – Sapienza

Tabled until the October meeting.

Set Date for next meeting – Thursday, October 10, 3:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bob May and seconded by Carmine Gentile.
Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Tabloski, COA Board Secretary