

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 13, 2020
2:00 PM

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PLEASE NOTE THE RETURN TO SECOND TUESDAY MEETING DAY

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

Present: Chairman: Jeff Levine

Members Present: Patricia Tabloski, Sandy Lasky, Bob May, Bob Lieberman, John Beeler, Peg Espinola, Carmine Gentile

Also Attending: Debra Galloway, Director of Senior Center

Guests via Video: Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource); Pat Brown

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 2:07 PM

Attendance by all those members above confirmed by roll-call affirmation.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 09, 2020 –The COA unanimously approved the amended version by roll-call vote.

Director's Report: (Galloway) A brief summary of the continuing activities offered by the Senior Center Staff primarily by Zoom meeting was shared. Examples of the programs or services offered are:

Seniors Flu Shot drive thru went well.

Volunteer Services continue

Medical equipment is in large demand, Senior Center is preparing to restart program in full.

SHINE Medicare Assistance is being provided via phone or Zoom.

Bob Diefenbacher, Friends of Sudbury Seniors President, and Deb will do interview for a show on Sudbury TV called Global Village.

Baypath Elder Services report (Pat Tabloski): New director continues to be very active. Some salary increases are happening on selective positions. New HR director on board. New IT staff added as well new telephone systems.

Transportation (Sandy Lasky): Bus Shelter by Whole Foods is operative. Go Sudbury Taxi service is now used by a total of 35 unique citizens (Seniors, Veterans, Disabled, Financial Need) who have signed up. Uber service is moving toward finalization.

Mask Wearing update (Levine)- Jeff feels this is a Select Board issue to finalize.

Fairbanks project Presentation (Jeff Levine): Ballot website is now established to aid getting info to all citizens. Named Fairbank Ballot Committee. Web Site is until not needed: yes4fairbank.org.

B'nai B'rith Housing Donation-(Galloway) The required contribution of \$10,000 has been received by the Town. Jeff asked for a sub-group to be formed to review options. Volunteers include Pat T, John Beeler, Sandy, and Carmine to review how COA prioritizes contributions.

Chairman's comments: We need the nominating committee to bring forth candidates. Nominating team will be meeting with a goal to have a candidate for November meeting.

Open comments from John Beeler: Let's demonstrate support for the staff more aggressively. A discussion of the popularity of the various COA sponsored Zoom meetings followed. Deb gave a short review of attendance statistics. There is continuing demand.

Bob May mentioned the Great Barrington Declaration.

Motion was made by John Beeler to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Lieberman. Unanimous approval by roll-call vote.

Meetings is now planned to return to Tuesday afternoons. The next meeting therefore will be scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 2PM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Levine at approximately 3.12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Robert May
COA Secretary