

Amended at Feb 09,2021 COA meeting

TOWN OF SUDBURY
COUNCIL ON AGING
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 12, 2021
2:00 PM

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Present: Chairman: Jeff Levine

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

Also Attending: Debra Galloway, Director of Senior Center

Guests via Video: Lynn Puorro (Sudbury TV resource) and Kay Bell.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Levine at 2:04 PM

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

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 08, 2020 –The COA unanimously approved by roll-call vote with amendments.

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:

Several Outdoor events were presented during the Holiday period.

There was a Goodbye 2020 outdoor gathering with fire pit and refreshments.

No Grab and Go in January. Next one is in late February (with a snow date)

Tax work-off programs continue depending upon Covid regulations.

AARP Tax Return Preparation program will be done with a new structure and process. Impacts 85-100 residents.

Baypath Elder Services report (Pat Tabloski): Baypath is working on a plan for protecting the home health care workers used by Baypath. How to get them the vaccine.

Transportation (Sandy Lasky): New Grant for Taxi services submitted thru Transportation Committee. Cross Town Connect TMA expected to provide dispatch services. (TMA – Transportation Management Agency) New Grant may be awarded by March.

Taxi program is in operation. Uber program is a 2021 start hopefully by March-April

Vote for a portion of mitigation funds to be used to renew annual membership in CrossTown Connect TMA: **(Galloway). The request for \$5500 was moved and seconded. Approved unanimously by roll-call vote.**

Masterplan Update—Bob May—Bob reported on latest progress including the results of Town Wide Open Meeting Survey. On Jan. 11, 2021, the Planning Board met to review the inputs from the Survey. Many citizens gave their thoughts and ideas which were discussed by the planning board. View Planning Board Video of January 11, 2021 special meeting for added details.

Lifestyle Options for Seniors-- Bob May---Small working group created by Jeff to include Bob M., Pat T., and Jeff to scope issues and recommend next steps.

Membership Committee (Jeff Levine). Need replacement for John on committee as of June 1, 2021. Carmine volunteered for Membership subcommittee. Have to replace John Beeler and Bob May for full membership by May as their terms are expiring and need to create a one-year separation if they choose to return.

State Legislative Update-Carmine Gentile. 167 bills passed on Jan. 6, 2021. Telehealth has been made permanent. **“Surprised” billing was addressed as well.** Other key issues remain on Governor’s desk for signing by January 15, 2021

Fairbanks project Presentation (Jeff Levine): Town has begun requesting bids for project manager. Many firms have shown interest with bids to be returned by January 14. Selection is hoped for by end of January. After PM selected architects will be reviewed. First rough estimate of completion of project is 2024.

Chairman’s comments: Town 2022 Senior Center Budget needs discussion. Jeff asks for a special COA meeting to review what Deb will submit. COA focus is on “Revolving Accounts” Such as MWRTA. Meeting scheduled for **January 15 at 2 pm** via Zoom.

Open comments from Kay Bell (Guest) A rep from ADA Commission. Private report as to status at all Town Sites on behalf of town is expected by end of February. That will be basis of a Town transition plan as required by the State Regs.

Motion was made by Jeff to adjourn. Seconded by Sandy. Unanimous approval by roll-call vote. Adjourned at 3:30pm.

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 09, 2021 at 2PM via Zoom. Viewable later on SudburyTV.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Levine at approximately 3.35pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Robert May
COA Secretary