

## Sandwich Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2018

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### Opening:

Neal O'Brien called the meeting to order at 8:48am.

### Present:

Acting COA Director: Joanne Geake, President, Neal O'Brien, Vice Chair, Michael Bondarek, Treasurer, John Vibberts, Board Members: Pat Walsh, Denise Dever, Karen Cotter

### Absent:

Pat Collins, Paula Johnson, Judy Hendy

### Guests:

Bud Dunham, Town Manager and Marie Buckner, Human Resources Director

Neal asked for a moment of silence for Peter Beauchemin.

### Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of November 17, 2017 were read and accepted.

### Open Issues:

- Joanne noted that additional driver hours have been added for the short term. This may not be possible in the future as it will depend on the budget.
- Reggie Peters from the Sandwich Friends of the COA was unable to attend due to the date change. Neal will reach out to Reggie to reschedule.
- Neal will reach out to Jack Vaccaro from Good Samaritans to check the status of the Bocce Tournament scheduled for May.
- Committee reports: status quo

### New Business:

Neal made a presentation to Bud and Marie regarding the need for a new Center for Active Living.

Bud Dunham presented his thoughts on our request for a new CAL. The highlights are:

- He is unable to commit to long-term building needs
- Priority is to balance the budget
- Nursing must stay with the CAL – it makes sense since they serve the same population



- No second building – it may be a deal breaker
- No adult day services to 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor – not allowed
- Current town priorities:
  - Roads
  - Waste water (long term project)
  - CAL & Library renovations
  - Beaches (external parties involved)
- Bud suggested that we partner with the library renovations and the school department request for renovations for our existing COA building (they want the COA building after the COA moves into the new building). Asking for funds for all three projects as combined request will likely to have more town-wide support. Bud suggested the earliest would be May 2019.
- Bud will let Neal know the date of a February meeting with the Selectmen to discuss needs and priorities. He will also coordinate a meeting with the library group to discuss the partnership.

Bud also explained that the position of Senior and Community Services Director has been posted. He explained his reason for not posting right away. The posting will stay open until early February. Neal has been invited to sit in on qualified candidate interviews.

**Agenda for next meeting:**

*The next meeting will be on January 26, 2018 at 8:45am.*

The agenda will focus entirely on our plan of action to meet the May 2019 Town Meeting deadline. Please come with your marketing hat on!

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Walsh