Sudbury COA Strategic Plan Created May 11, 2013

As of June 12, 2013

Objective of this Planning Session: Modify the 2012 Plan to reflect progress to date.

Ground Rules:

- One subject at a time
- Use complete sentences
- Achieve consensus for each response
- COA members participate and vote individually
- COA Director available to answer questions and provide technical information

FY2014 Objectives and Strategies in Priority Order

Priority Table

Objective Description	FY2014 Priority	FY2013 Priority
Help applying for property tax exemption	1	7
Needs of the new community center	2	4
Increase the Senior Center budget	3	3
Relationships with town entities	4	1
Form Friends of Sudbury Community Center	5	5
Social/online medium presence	6	2
Affordable senior housing	7	6

While continuing to support and assist the Sudbury Senior Center Director as requested in the effective operation of the Sudbury Senior Center, the members of the COA will implement the following objectives...

1. Over the next 12 months the COA will work with the Town Assessors to help seniors apply for the new Senior Property Tax Exemption.

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
1-1	Consult with town finance director and report back to	Dave Levington	DONE in 2012
	COA		
1-2	COA to decide next step	Dave Levington	DONE in 2012
1-3	Work with COA director to implement the objective.	Sam Merra	7/1/13

2. By 12/31/13 the COA will assemble a series of criteria to meet the needs of senior citizens in a Sudbury Community Center.

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
2-1	Develop and conduct a research plan and assign	Dave Levington & Barry	DONE in 2012
	research responsibilities	David	
2-2	Formulate the set of criteria for COA consideration and	Dave Levington & Barry	See 4-3
	action	David	
2-3	COA chair create a group to compile a list and	Jack Ryan	9/1/13
	description of needs seniors would have to be		
	included in a multi-generational community center		
2-4	Get input from 55-59 year old Sudbury population on	Group from 4-3	9/1/13
	their projected needs		
2-5	Group created in 4-3 shall include representatives	Jack Ryan	9/1/13
	from Friends of Sudbury Seniors at the outset		
2-6	Group meet with Community Center Feasibility	Group from 4-3	12/31/13
	Consultant		

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3. By 1/31/14 develop a formal proposal to the Town Manager to increase the budget of the Senior Center significantly.

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
3-1	Let Mary Ann Biladeau and Maureen Valente know we are doing this	John Beeler & Sam Merra	10/1/13
3-2	Attend Town Manager's budget presentation to FinCom	John Beeler & Sam Merra	1/31/14
3-3	Working with the COA Director and the COA develop "talking points" to support the budget request and distribute to COA members	John Beeler & Sam Merra	10/1/13

4. During the next year, the COA will continue to foster working relationships with the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Finance Committee, and other relevant boards to continue a formal integration of COA input into any discussion, action, or proposal impacting the needs of seniors.

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
4-1	Contact the Board of Selectmen and obtain the Board's	Jack Ryan	DONE in 2012
	commitment to the objective and a methodology to		
	get the COA "at the table"		
4-2	Contact other boards if 1-1 is positive	Jack Ryan	DONE in 2012
4-3	Initiate a presence in front of the Board of Selectmen	Jack Ryan	During FY 2014
	when matters relating to Sudbury Community Center,		
	Budget, and Housing are on the agenda.		
4-4	Meet with Park & Rec. to gain visibility and	Jack Ryan & Barry David	During FY 2014
	cooperation regarding the new Community Center and		
	to coordinate needs.		
4-5	Coordinate an active presence of the COA members at	Jack Ryan	During FY 2014
	Town Forums		

5. By 1/31/14 get together with other appropriate groups in town to form ad organization such as "Friends of the Sudbury Community Center" to support the needs of the new Community Center

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
5-1	COA further discuss the concept and reasoning behind the objective and document the proposal	Barry David & Bob May	Not Applicable to this revised objective
5-2	Go to Friends, discuss our thoughts, explain the objective, and seek their input	Barry David & Bob May	Not Applicable to this revised objective
5-3	Identify groups to join in at "Friends of Sudbury Community Center" organization	Barry David	1/1/14
5-4	Find individuals from the groups identified in 5-3 to act as "founding Friends"	Barry David	12/31/13
5-5	Offer to host an organizational planning meeting at the Sudbury Senior Center	Barry David & Bob May	3/31/14

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6. Within the next year implement specific actions to improve the Sudbury Senior Center and the COA online and social media face to the public.

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
6-1	Review current programs, evaluate them, and	Bob May &	DELETE
	eliminate and add on new ones.	Phyllis Bially	
6 2	Publish need for volunteer PR professional to help	Bob May &	DELETE
	develop this objective	Phyllis Bially	
6-3	Create products that serve younger, working seniors	Bob May &	DELETE
	including "off hours" products	Phyllis Bially	
6-3a	Research & conduct programs that appeal to young	Bob May &	DELETE
	empty-nesters and parents of L-S seniors at the SSC or	Phyllis Bially	
	elsewhere		
6-3b	Partner with L-S for programs	Bob Diefenbacher	During FY 2014
6-4	Use Interns to help create and implement programs	Bob May &	5/31/14
		Phyllis Bially	
6-5	Change the public face of the Senior Center	Bob May &	DELETE
		Phyllis Bially	
6-6	Develop a fund raising program through Friends to	Bob May &	DELETE
	support award(s) to L-S students	Phyllis Bially	
6-7	Demonstrate vitality of seniors by participating in	Phyllis Bially	7/4/14
	town public events, i.e. July 4 th parade		
6-7	Investigate with LSRHS the feasibility of setting up	Bob Diefenbacher	During FY2014
	ongoing student assistance to maintain a Sudbury		
	Senior Center Facebook page		
6-8	Find students to train volunteer seniors to maintain	Bob Diefenbacher	During FY2014
	the Sudbury Senior Center Facebook page		

7. Continue to advocate for affordable senior housing in Sudbury

Item	Strategy	Responsible	Due Date
7-1	Approach Jody Kablack and report back to COA	Dave Levington	DONE
7-2	COA Meeting to decide next step	Dave Levington	DONE
7-3	Meet with Frost Farm Board & Director of Planning & Community Development to investigate liberalizing restrictions on property sales there	Bob May	5/31/14
7-4	Design, implement, and analyze a survey of participants in the Senior Tax Exemption to learn what their housing goals are	Mary Lee Emerson	5/31/14

Use of these results:

- 1. Review the results in the July 2013 COA meeting and correct errors by unanimous decision
- 2. The COA chair assign COA members to individual activity responsibilities
- 3. Monitor progress on this Plan regularly during FY 2014
- 4. Share an executive summary of this Plan as appropriate