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TO: Zoning Board of Appeals
FROM: Council on Aging/Senior Center
DATE: November 30, 2016
Re: Response to Covenant Commonwealth Corporation Letter of 10/20/16 (The Coolidge Phase II)

The COA and Senior Center believe the Coolidge response to our October 17th memo to the ZBA is inadequate. Our memo identified factual errors about transportation in Sudbury and asked for a “designated van for use by Coolidge residents.” In fact, the Town Manager raised concerns about transportation in June and the October ZBA materials noted: “The applicant is requested to facilitate transportation for its residents by working with the Sudbury Council on Aging and the MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority” (MWRTA).

In its response, the Executive Director for Coolidge stated that most residents of Coolidge Phase 1 “have a car” and that “transportation access has not been an issue for the majority of residents.” Not acknowledged are the facts that:

- Although they may now drive, residents may not be able to in the future, and there are likely times now when other transportation options are desired (such as nights, inclement weather, heavy traffic, etc.).
- The Area Agency on Aging identified “transportation for all needs: medical, social, recreational” as the top unmet need in our area in their FY2014-2017 plan.
- The MWRTA service in Sudbury is a complex system and could be too difficult for individuals with even moderate physical and/or cognitive limitations.

Overall, the Coolidge response does not rise to the level of a specific commitment “to facilitate transportation for [Coolidge] residents” (Donoghue letter to the ZBA, October 12, citing the June 8 letter of the Town Manager). We ask that Coolidge contribute, quarterly, an amount equal to (1) the percentage of total van operating costs accounted for by the percentage of Coolidge van rides, plus (2) the percentage of total FISH operating costs accounted for by the percentage of Coolidge FISH rides. The Senior Center Director will provide quarterly data on these values to Coolidge management. (An estimate based on prior usage is \$1,236 for the first quarter).

We urgently request a date and time to meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss this issue further and ask that the ZBA provide us with a date and time for this meeting.

Thank you,

Sudbury Senior Center, Debra Galloway - Director

Sudbury Council on Aging, Jack Ryan - Chair