

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2023

4:00 PM

SELECT BOARD'S MEETING ROOM

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	<u>COA Board Members Participating Remotely:</u> Mary Antes, Judy Currier, Frank Kennedy, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, and Julie Secord <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Carol Glick, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Guests:</u>
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 4:06pm

CALL TO ORDER

BETSY SOULE

DISCUSSION	Betsy called the meeting to order at 4:06pm by roll call. The minutes of November 13, 2023 were reviewed.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023 as written (Kennedy/Patterson 6 years).

COA/COMMUNITY CENTER

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	<p>Bill said there was a meeting on Friday with Tower Construction, the COA/CC project's contractor. They submitted a schedule that indicates completion in December 2024, although Bill believes it is more likely to be March 2025. Bill is the official representative on the PMBC, which oversees the project. The company expects to file a permit application this week, which is now a required item on the construction check list.</p> <p>The process for change orders is written into the contract. The Owner' Project Manager (OPM) oversees the construction and is responsible to the town. The colors shown on the exterior elevations are not accurate. Changes from the plans approved by the Planning Board (PB) will need to go back to the PB for approval.</p> <p>Bill showed the driveway into and out of the new facility. The abutters have appealed to the state for a curb cut on Route 20 to keep trucks off Lillian Way.</p> <p>The town is planning a ground breaking in mid-January. The town green needs to be regraded and a band stand installed. There is gift money from 20 Wayland allocated for that purpose.</p> <p>A gazebo is planned for the formal garden that will be used as an outdoor classroom. Recreation is very interested in using it for its classes.</p> <p>The COA may need to be the squeaky wheel to make sure some issues are handled in a timely fashion. A fiber optic cable needs to be run from the Town Building to the renovated facility to handle all the latest technology; it is not yet an official project. There is no solar agreement with Solex yet. The roof will require reinforcement; Solex will design and hire installers. Someone should be responsible for keeping up to date information on the town's website. Scheduling protocols and operating instructions need to be created and distributed to relevant boards. Before Elaine leaves, there should be a list of all furniture needed, including finishes and fabrics so that the order is ready to go at the appropriate time.</p>
ACTION	After the holidays, Judy plans to contact the COAs in Natick, Sudbury, Needham, and Weston to gather information about how they function, sustainability products and disposal, etc.

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Senior Tax Relief Committee will meet in January.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

MARY ANTES

DISCUSSION	The Friends met last week. Most of the meeting was an update of the COA/CC by Bill. The Friends voted financial support for COA programs taking place at the beginning of the new year. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9 th .
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie said the COA is continuing its partnership with Open Table in Maynard. On Fridays, volunteers take food orders, collect, and deliver the food to residents. The COA will collect soups in January for Open Table and Brothers Table.</p> <p>The COA received a grant from MCOA of \$11,700 to expand transportation options; the request was for \$25,000. Mass Development extended funding for the taxi service through the month of March. It was originally scheduled to end at the end of the year. Wayland and Sudbury are working with MWRTA on a grant for a shuttle to take residents into Boston area hospitals and Newton Wellesley Hospital three times a day, three days a week. Rescue rides for those who miss the last bus can be arranged through Uber without using a smart phone. Sudbury is giving riders a disposable phone.</p> <p>Programming is going well often with names on waiting lists. Maura is so good at what she does; there is such a variety of needs. Public Safety is discussing the need for a social worker.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>Under topics not anticipated, Bill brought up the subject of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) because a friend had discussed the need for one. ADUs was one of the topics covered in the COA's housing series. It is a very hot topic now.</p> <p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th at 4pm via Zoom.</p>
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted by roll call to adjourn (Sterling/Currier). The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Materials handed out at the meeting:
Agenda
Minutes of November 14, 2023