

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2018

8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Betsy Soule, Chair
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Mary Antes, Secretary
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Carol Glick, Ellen Scult <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guest:</u>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	There was no public comment.

## Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:07am

### MINUTES

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Bill Sterling called the meeting to order at 8:07am. The minutes of November 7, 2017 were reviewed.
<b>ACTION</b>	The minutes of November 7, 2017 were approved unanimously (Sterling/Patterson).

### BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES REPORT

EVELYN EKMAJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Evelyn reported that BayPath has a new financial officer and will no longer be using an interim accounting firm. There have been a number of staff changes due to the low pay.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Nancy said the Friends have a new website that will be used to support a new facility. The Friends are considering a new logo.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### COA SPACE INITIATIVE

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Betsy continued the meeting as chair. Bill said the COA/CC committee has drafted an article for Town Meeting. Based on the previous article, it requests the town appropriate \$468,333 for design, construction documents, and bid documents. Final request will depend on receipt of a formal cost estimate. The committee has met with the Finance Committee, which seemed supportive, and with the Recreation Commission. Julie and the Recreation Director, Kathryn Brenna, will meet to discuss a variety of issues including scheduling. Bill said the Town Center Management said that 20Wayland is ready to sign the land transfer agreement.</p> <p>Next steps include the committee's vote and submission of the article by Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Julie said that the staff visited the new 13,000 sf Wellesley Senior Center and discussed the new building with the Wellesley staff. Our staff liked some features (coffered ceilings, open gathering area, hydration station) while others seemed problematic (carpeting, inadequate commercial kitchen, lack of sufficient parking, etc.). Julie suggested considering a storage shed.</p> <p>Jean Milburn sent an email looking for ideas directed at younger voters. Bill visited a Wayland Dads event. He was concerned about the compatibility of equipment like basketball hoops and climbing ropes in space used for party events. The Dads will need storage space. He reiterated that Boston Sports Club has a gym.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to support and submit the Town Meeting request article (Yurkofsky/Patterson).

**SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Julie said one person is interested in serving on the committee and is waiting for Selectmen approval. She also noted that Ellen Brideau, Assessor, has taken a new job and one tax preparer is no longer available.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The request to increase Shawna's hours has been approved. Julie said we need to determine what needs to be done prior to Town Meeting and plan how to complete all the tasks. The library has good PR on their website. The COA needs to expand its networking base. It is believed that the COA board can lobby for the new facility as long as it does not use town funds. The Friends do not have a similar restriction.</p> <p>Julie distributed a budget handout. There are no available high school snow shovelers; instead BayPath is being used.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Denise will contact a friend who is a PR professional about ways to promote a community center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 8 am.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- November 7 Minutes
- Draft Town Meeting Article for Design and Construction Documents
- Explanatory Statement of Changes in Expenses Template
- Wayland COA News