

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

8:00AM

SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	COA Board Members Present: Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick (8:10), Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Bill Sterling COA Board Members Absent: Betsy Soule, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guest:</u>
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:03am

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BOARD

DISCUSSION	Bill Sterling called the meeting to order at 8:07am. The minutes of January 2, 2018 were reviewed.
ACTION	The minutes of January 2, 2018 were approved unanimously (Patterson/Leifer).

COA/CC UPDATE

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill said that the Town Meeting article will go forward but no money will be spent until the town closes on the property. The committee is now in a marketing mode. Julie asked if a presentation could be made during the day. She has been working with Kathryn Brenna, Recreation Director, on a sample program schedule. The committee has met with the Finance Committee and the Energy and Climate Committee. Ellen reported that several members met with Lisa Valone, a resident with campaign experience, to learn more about how to market the community center project. Methods include short letters to the editor, targeted outreach, and social media.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<i>Tax Relief:</i> Changing the Circuit Breaker Match filing deadline is not a straight-forward change. The new deadline is nine months earlier than the previous one and before taxes are due. If residents miss the deadline, they lose one year of tax relief. Moreover, the Assessors' website does not have the correct information. A grace period for this year is not possible. <i>Tax Preparation:</i> The COA has a full schedule of AARP tax preparers; they are using Hearing Room 3. <i>Programs:</i> Duplicate Bridge will be reintroduced in the spring. Although bridge continues to be popular, there are frequent requests for the return of Texas Hold'em classes taught by a player from the World Poker tour. The Self-Care program is almost on wait list. <i>Revolving Fund:</i> The COA revolving fund has a limit of \$50,000. Julie would consider reducing the cap, depending on the consequences. <i>Broken Water Pipes:</i> The entrance to the Hearing Room is being relocated due to the repairs being made near the entrance by the Selectmen's Meeting Room.
ACTION	

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK AND EVELYN EKMAJIAN

DISCUSSION	Carol distributed the Board Meeting Highlights. Evelyn said that the Governor's Budget includes a two percent increase for COAs. The new kitchen should be ready by the end of February. It will make possible more complicated meals, including ethnic meals.
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FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy reported that Jean Milburn attended the last meeting of the Friends to talk about proposed community center and to ask the Friends for funding for mailings prior to Town Meeting. The Friends have a new board member, John Shaw; Judy Larson will replace Wade on the board. They are also initiating a competition for a new logo.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee has a new member. The information cards are almost finished. It will deal with the circuit breaker at its next meeting.
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 8 am.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- January 2 Minutes
- BayPath Board Highlights