

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2018

8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	COA Board Members Present: Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick (8:12), Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

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BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of May 1, 2018 were reviewed.
ACTION	The minutes of May 1, 2018 were approved unanimously (Yurkofsky/Sterling).

COA/CC UPDATE

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	<p>Bill attended the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen to urge the board to move the Permanent Municipal Building Committee along. The committee has already lost two months and may not be able to submit an appropriations' request to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. It was suggested that the committee could combine other tasks with the RFP for a design. The state now allows municipalities to use on-call architectural firms from the state list. Kang does not have a senior-center specialist but the firm could be used on condition they hire a specialist. Tighe and Bond will flag the property in mid-July for both wetlands and river front. There is no word on the AUL yet. There is an agreement on the land but the closing has not taken place. The drainage is not connected so the DEP has not yet given its approval; however the planned connection is no longer appropriate for how the land will be used.</p> <p>Bill suggested that the COA/CC have a breakfast event at next year's Riverfest to recognize the Community Center's access to the river. Mary suggested combining the breakfast with the history paddle that Wayland sponsors each year that leaves from the Route 20 boat ramp</p>
ACTION	The committee will review the on-call architectural firm list and request that Kang team with a larger firm.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie said that the staff will have a discussion with a marketing/communications/branding consultant tomorrow. They are looking at terminology to use or avoid. Tax work-off applications are due in June for entry into the lottery. Fifteen or 20 people attend the information session including lots of new people. If the minimum wage increases again in January, it will have an impact on the program. There are 40 slots with 65 hours of work per slot. It may be time to recommend an increase in funding. Becky and Shawna have done an excellent job.</p> <p>A question has been raised about whether the wording in the annual article to increase the real estate tax exemption amount was legally correct. There will be a conference call with the director of assessing and legal counsel. Last year only one person was processed to take advantage of the valor act. There are still no details for veterans who wish to use the program.</p> <p>A window was smashed in the 16-passenger COA van used to transport people to the Memorial Day Parade. The MWRTA has provided a 10-passenger van while repairs are being made but it is too small for the number of passengers signed up for trips. The cost of trips increases with fewer passengers because of the high hourly rate paid the driver. There is a pilot Route 20 shuttle bus between Steven Anthony Restaurant in Marlboro and the Wayland Town Center. It is difficult for some people to get from their homes to the bus route.</p>
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	<p>The MetroWest Legal Services Document Day went very well. The five COA-sponsored concerts begin June 14th. Julie is working on ways to control access to COA equipment. Items continue to be missing following meetings held in the COA space. She would like the town to upgrade the sound system in the large hearing room. The new LED lights are very bright but the facilities manager will have the ability to dim some units. The brightness is a problem to some migraine-sensitive people. Julie would like desk lighting available for those people; she is also concerned about the use of motion-sensor lights in the hallways. Ben has a design and price for railings at the entrance to the large hearing room from the outside. Installation will begin in the new fiscal year.</p> <p>Julie included a written director's report in this month's packet. She plans to do it monthly if members find it useful. She welcomes comments. Shawna's time will increase beginning July 1. Kathleen Woehrling was recognized as the SHINE Counsellor who processed the highest number of clients in the MetroWest SHINE area.</p>
ACTION	

BAYPATHELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK AND EVELYN EKMAJIAN

DISCUSSION	Carol said she will email the minutes from the last meeting. Evelyn said meal prices may increase; Bateman, the provider, is looking for additional business.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy and Sue Pope will serve as co-chairs of the Friends. The Friends are looking for two new members. Nancy said the fundraising letter is about to be mailed. It has a teaser on the envelope. It will contain the new logo. Julie said that she may need to ask the Friends for money for new partitions; she would like sound-deadening ones
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee is meeting tomorrow night.
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 8 am. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10am.
ACTION	

Materials handed out at the meeting:

Agenda
May 1 Minutes
Director's Report