

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 8:00AM

LARGE HEARING ROOM

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	COA Board Members Present: Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick, Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule COA Board Members Absent: Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guests:</u> Sue Hatton, Cherry Karlson, Bruce Morgan, Savitri Ramgoolam
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:13am

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BOARD

DISCUSSION	Betsy Soule called the meeting to order at 8:13. The minutes from July 17 th and August 27 were reviewed.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 17 (Leifer/Patterson). It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 27 (Scult/Patterson).

PROPOSED TOWN MEETING ARTICLE

JULIE SECORD/CHERRY KARLSON

DISCUSSION	<p>Cherry lead the discussion of the proposed Special Town Meeting article. She suggested that there are three goals in the effort to clarify the 2008 article: no reduction in benefits; clarification of the language; and ease in administration of the programs by the Assessors. As proposed, the article becomes a statutory exemption and a participant can choose only one exemption. At this point we do not fully understand the impact the proposed change will have on those currently utilizing the circuit breaker and other tax relief programs. Only two towns have adopted Clause 57. Other towns, including Sudbury, Concord, and Reading, are doing their own thing. Sue Hatton said clarifying the wording might make it possible for more seniors to apply. Currently about 170 people are eligible for the Circuit Breaker but only 97 have applied. The timeline is also a problem: the deadline is April 1st but the third quarter tax bill is not due until April 15th.</p> <p>Cherry suggested pulling the article from the Special Town Meeting warrant and developing a chart to accompany a warrant article for Annual Town Meeting that shows the impact on eligibility for the various tax relief programs.</p>
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to withdrawn the article from Special Town Meeting and to bring it back for Annual Town Meeting (Scult/Patterson).

FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy urged COA board members to attend the Tingle and Tunes fundraiser.
ACTION	

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK/EVELYN EKMAJIAN

DISCUSSION	There was no meeting this month
ACTION	

COA/CC

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The COA/CC interviewed candidates for the Owners Project Manager (OPM). However no money can be spent until the land is transferred to the town. The wetlands have been flagged.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie said that the new Town Administrator, Louise Miller, has started. The formula grants have not been awarded; we do not yet know what the per-senior funding level will be. One of the Tax Work-off applicants who has expertise in creating and administering surveys will assist with the BayPath needs assessment. Two people from the Senior Tax Relief Committee are exploring the Sudbury Initiative. Julie will suggest that they also look at the Concord Initiative.
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9 th at 8am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 8:59am.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of July 17 and August 27th

Circuit Breaker Background Information Handout, 9/8/18

Tingle and Tunes Flyer