

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

8:00AM

SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Betsy Soule, Chair
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Mary Antes, Secretary
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	COA Board Members Present: Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick (8:21), Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	

## Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

### MINUTES

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Betsy Soule called the meeting to order at 8:05. The minutes from January 8 were reviewed.
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 8 (Yurkofsky/Scult).

### COMMUNITY CENTER

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The good news is that one of the Board of Selectmen goals for 2019-2020 is to bring the 2006 Town Center agreement to conclusion. Next steps include the Town crafting a response to Raytheon's draft letter regarding lifting the Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) on the municipal site and revising the job description for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM). A member of the now disbanded COA/CC, Wendy Levine, has made a very strong environmental recommendation for use of the land. Without the committee, the Selectmen may need to take on promotion of the project.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK/EVELYN EKMAJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Evelyn said BayPath is considering changing its name because of the stigma of the word 'elderly.' Again she mentioned the staff turnover and its effect on the client wait list.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Nancy said that the Friends are busy. The board has added two new members, Marie Winter and Paul Abramson. Nancy and member John Shaw attended the presentation of \$15,000 to each Friends' group in the area, as well as other amounts to library friends groups and food pantries. On March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , the Friends will be the recipient of the proceeds of a Band Jam to be held at Sandy Burr. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Lastly the Friends are working on the annual appeal letter.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The committee has a new member to fill one of two openings. The Department of Revenue's Brian Lynch will discuss the Circuit Breaker at the COA on March 5 <sup>th</sup> . Our new senator has been invited.  Mary described an idea that she learned about at a recent meeting that has the potential to be a new tax relief option. She hopes to get a group together to research its possibilities. Bill thought the tax deferral idea might be practiced in Coral Gables, FL.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><i>Aging in Wayland Conversations:</i> The conversations on what services the town could provide for seniors ten or more years from now have raised a variety of concerns. The conversations and the upcoming survey are not a report card on the COA but an assessment of potential future service needs. The survey will be available at Town Meeting. There could be as many as 2,300 respondents.</p> <p><i>Resources and Idea Showcase:</i> Julie is still looking for a venue for the event. The art space at the Town Center won't work because of ongoing exhibits. Later today she will look at the Commons at the high school that might be available during spring vacation.</p> <p><i>Protocols re: Visitors, Emergency Procedures:</i> With 17 entrances to the Town Building, there is interest in increasing security. The COA will rearrange desks and consider having a counter to provide more traffic control. Bill offered to take a look at the design.</p> <p><i>Program and Services Overview:</i> The Uber/Lyft training was fabulous. The trainers will participate in the Resource and Idea Showcase. The AARP Tax Preparation will take place in Conference Room 3. The concern is that it is ADA accessible only from the gym door, which will now be locked.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> at 8am.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>
- Draft Survey