

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

MAY 7, 2019

8:00AM

SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	<u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick (8:12), Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling (8:25), Denise Yurkofsky <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:03am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Betsy Soule called the meeting to order at 8:03. The minutes from April 2 were reviewed.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 2 (Leifer/Scult).

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

EVELYN EKMAJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn will email the BayPath highlights to Julie to send to the board. She added that BayPath found \$50,000 that they have sent to agencies to pay their care givers.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy thanked the COA staff for helping with the Friends' appeal letter. She said that the flap on the return envelope will have information that will facilitate the acknowledgements. The new officers are Janie Belive, president; Marie Winter, vice president; John Shaw, treasurer and web master; and Mary Antes, clerk. Julie said the website is getting better and better.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that the Valor Act is in flux until the new law is accepted by the town at Town Meeting. She hopes the program will work in the same manner as the tax work-off program. Only two veterans took advantage of the Valor Act last year.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p><i>Circuit Breaker:</i> Julie discussed bringing an article to fall Town Meeting to correct the language regarding the town match of circuit breaker funds. Town Counsel had proposed accepting Clause 57; however that forces the Circuit Breaker to become a statutory exemption, which in turn limits the number of exemptions a qualified person can take to one.</p> <p><i>Transportation:</i> Somehow the van leased from the MWRTA is now owned by the town. Julie asked for a newer van and was offered a smaller van, which would increase the cost of the trips. She still has to outsource the driver.</p> <p><i>Vendor Expo:</i> The Vendor Expo was terrific; the high school commons venue was great. About 200 people attended. Julie will send Nancy some pictures that she can show to Middlesex Bank to illustrate how some of the \$15,000 grant money was used to help the COA's constituencies.</p> <p><i>Program and Services Overview:</i> Upcoming programs include the summer concert series, Denise's legal check-up, document day, and the MA Bar Association's evening presentation on legal questions as one ages. The staff is working on summer programs. Julie has applied for a grant to purchase listening devices and she is exploring handicapped accessible taxi service.</p>
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	<i>Other:</i> Nancy Greenwood is reducing her time to three days a week, allowing her to keep her benefits. The staff is talking with HR about hiring a part-time person.
ACTION	The board gave Julie permission to prepare the article for Town Meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTER

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill reported that he and Ellen attended the Selectmen's meeting last night. Bill asked that the Selectmen set a schedule and put the topic on every agenda. The next steps are to 1) get a letter from the Licensed Site Professional (LSP) approving the use of the land for a community center, 2) acquire the land, and 3) get approval from the Conservation Commission for the COA/CC. In response to a question about seeking another site, Bill reiterated the need to keep the focus on the municipal and adjacent parcels. Bill asked that different faces appear at each Selectmen's meeting. There is concern that a backlash is developing against seniors because of the defeat of the turf field. Nancy said Sue Pope will take the town administrator to lunch to talk about the COA's space needs.
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4 th at 8am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 8:52am.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of April 2nd

Board Meeting Highlights – May 22, 2019

Remaining Board Meetings for 2019

June 26
October 23

July 24
November 20

September 25
December 18

The Board

The Board approved the nominating committee's recommendation to nominate Joel Bauman as a Class 1 at-large director. Joel's first term will be from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

The Board also approved the nominating committee's recommendations of the following board members as officers of the corporation for Fiscal Year 2020.

President: Patricia Tabloski (Second year)

Vice Pres: Jim Zebrowski (First year)

Treasurer: Kathy Nealon (Second year)

Clerk: Doug Peck (Second year)

AFC Accreditation/CARF Survey

BayPath passed the CARF Accreditation process and is accredited for three years! Ms. Alessandro has informed the state that we are now accredited. The accreditation has provided BayPath with a strong framework going forward. Issues that were highlighted during the auditor exit meeting are already being addressed.

ASAP Contract

The state has sent out a draft contract for the ASAPs. There were no major changes in the ASAP contract, but the contract will include Money Management now as a core area of service. The contract will go into effect on July 1st.

Partnership with Avidia Bank

Avidia Bank visited BayPath about two months ago at which time they created a one minute video of BayPath. Ms. Alessandro spoke about our partnership with Avidia Bank. The video has been published on social media and a link to the video was also included in the Caregiving Metrowest Newsletter. They also did a 30 second video for BayPath to use as a promotion for the agency.

Healthy Aging Data

All board members were given a Healthy Aging Data Report for their towns. This information was obtained from www.healthyagingdatareports.org. These reports examine profiles for every city and town in Massachusetts. Each report includes characteristics and healthy aging indicators such as chronic diseases which are prevalent in each community. It also shows whether or not each community value is better or worse than the state average.

This data is useful in your community as you go forward with your master planning to determine what your community can do for the future. Everyone has a walkability index, if this is low, you might consider more sidewalks in the community as an example. You can help your community become healthier as it ages.

Board Meeting Highlights – May 22, 2019

Home Care Programs

Home Care	1179
Over Income	134
Total	1213

Enhanced Community Options Program (ECOP)	248
Choices Program	146

Town Analysis – Home Care basic only

Town	Consumer #	Town	Consumer #
Ashland	38	Natick	147
Dover	2	Northborough	36
Framingham	251	Sherborn	0
Holliston	42	Southborough	10
Hopkinton	31	Sudbury	42
Hudson	82	Wayland	19
Marlborough	106	Westborough	25

Nutrition - Meal Days - 21

TOWN	TOTAL	TOWN	TOTAL
Ashland	375	Natick	1763
Dover	23	Northborough	296
Framingham	5445	Sherborn	89
Holliston	613	Southborough	291
Hopkinton	205	Sudbury	609
Hudson	1203	Wayland	817
Marlborough	2711	Westborough	469
		Total	14,909