

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2019

8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

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

## Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:07am

### MINUTES

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Betsy Soule called the meeting to order at 8:07. The minutes from May 7 were reviewed.
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 7 (Yurkofsky/Leifer).

### COA/CC

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Bill said the good news is that the Community Center was on the Board of Selectmen's agenda. His goal is to close on the land this year so that the design can be completed before requesting construction funds at Annual Town Meeting (2020); design funds have already been appropriated but cannot be spent until the town has control of the land. The municipal parcel, which must be given to the town, cannot be accessed from Andrew Avenue without the additional parcels, only from Route 20. The Community Center will likely compete with the Loker turf field in the spring.</p> <p>The wetlands have been delineated and the 200 foot setback line has moved but the Conservation Commission still has to weigh in on the project. One option is to tear down the existing building and replace it with parking for a new facility built outside Conservation-restricted areas. Julie asked if space for clean and messy arts (and the kiln) could be included in a new building. The linear trail along the river could be featured as part of Riverfest when it is completed. Bill said that the Library had a visioning session for the public and he thought the COA should have a program with Recreation about the Community Center.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

### BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

EVELYN EKMAJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Evelyn reported that the meeting was short and there seemed to be some financial confusion. Betsy said one example is that grantees now have to pay the fee for direct deposits. There will be more information at the next meeting. Evelyn passed around a copy of the Metrowest Healthy Aging Indicators compiled by UMass Boston and Tufts Health Plan Foundation. It compares Metrowest with the state in such categories as demographics, race/ethnicity, disability, chronic disease, diet, and physical/mental health. Evelyn was concerned about privacy but there is no identifying information.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Nancy said that the Friends' fundraising letter has been mailed. She thanked the post master who carried the boxes from her car into the Post Office. Steve Correia will be the spokesperson for the Community Center from the Friends. Board members will attend Selectmen meetings to speak about the Community Center.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**GUEST: JOHN SAX**

JOHN SAX

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	John Sax said he has been the principal opponent of the Loker Turf Field. As a result of this involvement, he has experience in organizing and has gained an understanding of the imbalance in the use of town resources. While he is interested in getting people out to vote, he is also interested in learning more about the COA and the Friends of the COA. One member of his working group is a communications expert and he implied they would be interested in helping the COA with the Community Center project.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>There is no report until the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>Julie has been invited to participate in the Assessors' discussion of the Valor Act. She is pushing the Assessors to use one of the volunteer positions to manage the program, like the COA does. Volunteers in the Valor Act program earn \$1,500 compared to \$780 in the Tax Work-Off program. The IRS requires volunteers to be treated at town employees, having taxes taken out and receiving a check.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The Annual Report is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. The COA/CC committee will also prepare an annual report.</p> <p><i>Circuit Breaker:</i> Julie said Town Administrator Louise Miller thinks the Selectmen should submit the Town Meeting article to correct the current Circuit Breaker wording and avoid Clause 57.</p> <p><i>COA Staffing:</i> Nancy is reducing her hours from full time, 34 hours) to 21 hours per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). Julie is interested in using the 14 hours for a communications and software component. She also has some grant funds. Ann is interested in increasing her hours.</p> <p><i>Upcoming Initiatives:</i> The Volunteer Recognition luncheon will be held in the evening under a tent in September. There was a good turnout for the MA Bar Association presentation. The staff is working on the fall programming. It will include the MIT Aging Lab.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The July/August meeting will be held on Tuesday July 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 8am.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 9:24.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of May 7<sup>th</sup>.BayPath Board Highlights of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.