

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 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 (8:20), Nancy Leifer, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: Becky Patterson <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 December 4 were reviewed.
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 4 (Yurkofsky/Leifer).

#### FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Nancy said that the Friends received an unrestricted grant of \$15,000 from Middlesex Savings Bank. The bank will present the award on January 24 <sup>th</sup> .  The Friends will hold a fundraiser, Wayland City Limits, on March 23 <sup>rd</sup> in the Sandy Burr Country Club Lounge. Various Wayland bands will play for a period of time between 6:30 and 11:30, organized by Steve Robb. Admission will be \$20 per person with all the proceeds going to the Friends. There will be nibbles and a cash bar. Julie has reserved two of the town sign boards.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### COA-CC ADVISORY BOARD

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The town has received a draft response from Raytheon regarding the use of the building on the municipal parcel for a COA/Community Center. The Committee has an Owners Project Manager (OPM) and has solicited design applications and received three responses. The COA/CC Committee needs to be reactivated with a revised chart.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK/EVELYN EKMAJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Evelyn said that BayPath will have a legislative breakfast on February 8 <sup>th</sup> . Subaru's Share the Love program is underway. BayPath will receive \$250 for each car sold; last year, BayPath received \$5,000. Carol distributed the highlights of the last meeting. She serves on the Grants Committee and urged the COA to submit an application. Last year, the COA received \$600 for the leader of the walking program from MCOA. Like the Tax Work-off Program, the IRS declares the recipient to be a temporary town employee.  Transportation continues to be a challenge. The fixed route bus between the Town Center and Steven Anthony's in Marlborough is good. The difficult part for riders is getting to the bus stop from their homes.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The committee is down two members. They have changed their meeting time from evenings to 9am in the morning. They do not expect to do anything further with the Sudbury Initiative. Progress is slow. The Assessor is reviewing the information cards one more time. His presentation on the Circuit Breaker
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	was well-attended. Only two people have taken advantage of the Valor Act. Like the tax work-off, the participants are considered town employees, not volunteers.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><i>Aging in Wayland Conversations:</i> The conversations on what the town should be doing for seniors ten or more years from now have begun. Many of the responses at the first meeting were related to taxes. Chauncey, the facilitator, will also prepare a survey that will be available at Town Meeting. Evelyn thought many of the participants were naive about town services.</p> <p><i>Procedural Changes in the Medical Equipment Loan Program:</i> Medical equipment has been stored in the basement of the public safety building. Because there is now standing water in the basement that affects the operation of the elevator, the equipment has to be moved to short-term rental space. The staff is eliminating the loan of commodes, which have to be sterilized, and evaluating the remaining equipment. Shower chairs and transport chairs are requested most frequently.</p> <p><i>Green Communities Grant Money:</i> Julie is looking onto whether the COA can use alternative fuel vehicles for FISH runs.</p> <p><i>Solutions for Living and Aging in Wayland:</i> The COA will host a series of speakers leading up to a vendor show in April. Twenty-five vendors offering services senior might use to help them remain in their homes as they age have been invited to participate. Julie is working with the town planner and managers of the town center to use space in the center for the show, which is expected to run from about 2:30 to 6pm.</p> <p><i>Other:</i> There were 425 appointments for Medicare Open Enrollment. Tax assistance will be the same as last year.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5 <sup>th</sup> at 8am.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:58am.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of December 4<sup>th</sup>
- COA Annual Report
- BayPath December Board Meeting Highlights