

Wayland Council On Aging

MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

7:00PM

WAYLAND SENIOR CENTER

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	JoAnn Kunz, Co-Director / COA
ATTENDEES	BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Harriet Onello, Bill Zellen, Betsy Soule, Mary Antes, Bill Sterling, Geoff Smith, Evelyn Ekmejian ABSENT: Betsy Willard, Denise Yurkofsky
COA DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE	JoAnn Kunz, Julie Secord
VISITORS	Sarkis Sarkisian, Town Planner. Sarkis introduced himself to the Board. His goal is to keep seniors in Wayland by planning housing to meet their needs. He discussed rental projects in the town.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None

Agenda topics

MINUTES

BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Minutes of the September 2009 COA meeting were presented for review.
CONCLUSIONS	MOTION: A motion was made by Mary Antes, seconded by Harriett Onello, to accept the minutes for the September 2009 COA meeting.
MOTION RESULT: Motion passed unanimously.	

BAYPATH REPORT

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION,	The home care budget is in serious trouble. Large budget cuts from the state. Long wait lists are anticipated, although right now there is no wait list for Wayland. There will also be cuts to nursing home budgets.
CONCLUSION	

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

GEOFF SMITH

DISCUSSION	There was a Senior Property Tax Relief Meeting last week. 4 attended. The main point was to review a proposed increase to the Tax Work Off credit. Current funding level is \$500. The state is now permitting up to \$1000. The Committee would like to recommend an increase to \$800 for an article at Spring Town Meeting. Geoff mentioned that he would like to keep the same number of participants at 22, so the town budget would need to be increased to cover the total cost. A question on qualifying participants based on need MAY come in to play. Warrant Articles are due January 15 th . An update on the Home Rule Petition is that Tom Conroy did testify at a Hearing at the State house on Sept. 16 th and the bill has moved on to Ways and Means. JoAnn to contact Scott Brown's office for assistance as well to move this along.
CONCLUSIONS	Committee will meet again in a month.

FRIENDS OF THE WAYLAND COUNCIL ON AGING, INC

BILL ZELLEN

DISCUSSION	There will be a meeting in 2 weeks. The Friends recently funded \$800 for Gary Hylander's presentation. A Valentine's Day brunch is being planned. The Friends are also funding the Library Wall in the Senior Center. Julie is working closely with Minuteman Technical High School on building and design.
	ILOT UPDATE
	MARY ANTES

	A Management group is meeting twice a month to hash out progress. Parmenter is providing an office. Sue Wagener is in the office organizing and making phone calls. Bob Mayner offered to develop a business plan.

DIRECTORS REPORT

JULIE SECORD / JOANN KUNZ

DISCUSSION	Bay Path Annual Breakfast meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 30 from 8-10:30. Right now Betsy Soule, Julie Secord and Mary Antes are attending. Fuel Assistance applications have begun and Sue Hatton needs to spend 2-3 hours on each person. SHINE is very busy and we may have a second counselor who will be available in the evening. The topic of insurance coverage for volunteer medical drivers is being discussed with Town Counsel and the Personnel Office. Flu shots have been cancelled until November. A Transportation mapping study is progressing slowly with Brendan from the Surveyors office conferring with Julie. Julie attended a meeting regarding the Beach House reconstruction. Julie is also writing a Cultural Council grant for a pastel workshop. JoAnn disseminated the Conflict of Interest paperwork and Board members signed the necessary forms.
CONCLUSIONS	Informational update only.

COA MISSION

JOANN KUNZ/JULIE SECORD

	The discussion of the COA mission segues right into discussion of the next agenda item. Julie and JoAnn asked the Board to keep thinking of an overall mission.

MASTER PLAN STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

JOANN KUNZ/JULIE SECORD

	The next meeting of the committee will be on Oct. 14 th at noon. Betsy Soule has been attending these meetings as well. Transportation will be one topic.
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STATE OF THE TOWN MEETING UPDATE

BETSY SOULE

	This meeting was well attended and run very professionally. It proved to be very productive.
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MWRTA MEETING

JO ANN KUNZ

	A meeting with representatives from MWRTA was held on the 5 th . It was a good meeting for all to review procedures and policies and changes to service. We will continue to meet with representatives from MWRTA on a regular basis to review service.
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FY 2011 BUDGET REVIEW

JOANN KUNZ/JULIE SECORD

	JoAnn and Julie distributed a copy of FY 10 budget in preparation for presenting the FY 11 budget. The FY 11 budget guidelines will come out next week and the budgets are due before Thanksgiving to the Accounting office. The Board needs to vote on the budget at the November meeting.
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GENERAL DISCUSSION

JOANN KUNZ/ JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	A Staff Retreat is set for 11/2 for all COA staff to discuss future planning, office procedures and goals.
NEXT MEETING	The next COA Board Meeting will be Nov. 3 at 7pm. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.