

Wayland COA Board Meeting, April 5, 2011
Wayland Town Building, 7:00pm

Wayland COA Board Members in Attendance:

Betsy Soule, Chair
Harriet Onello
Bill Sterling
Bill Zellen
Denise Yurkofsky
Geoff Smith

Wayland COA Board Members Absent:

Evelyn Ekmejian
Betsy Willard
Mary Antes

COA Staff Members in Attendance:

JoAnn Kunz, Co-Director
Julie Secord, Co-Director

Note taker: Julie Secord

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) MINUTES of the March 1st Meeting (At the time the Board meeting was called to order, quorum was not present so approval of the minutes was deferred. Upon arrival of additional board members, the MINUTES of the March 2011 meeting was discussed again. These minutes reflected both the regular board meeting held that day as well as the COA strategic planning session.

ACTION: A motion was made by Bill Zellen with a second from Harriet Onello to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous

2) BAYPATH REPORT was deferred as BayPath liaison Evelyn Ekmejian was not in attendance.

3) FRIENDS OF THE WAYLAND COUNCIL ON AGING, INC Although Friends president, Betsy Willard was not in attendance, past president Denise Yurkofsky updated the COA Board on the upcoming annual meeting and the restrictions with a proposed slate of officers given term restrictions in the by-laws. The Friends have recently purchased another solid wood shelf to add to the COA library. They are also soliciting quotes for an audio visual upgrade to the Senior Center. Movies, lectures, power point presentations are so well attended that it is often difficult to hear the speaker or see the visual presentation given restricted viewing angles of outdated equipment. An overview of plans for "WAYLAND IRON CHEF II, scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2011 was also discussed. This year the Iron Chef will be adding a new feature: a timed "cake decorating" competition. Three, two man teams, representing location organizations will face off and be judged by professional bakers, etc. The cakes will then be auctioned off to raise additional funds for the Friends.

4) PROPERTY TAX RELIEF Geoff Smith reported that the MCOA's next meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2011. Although discussion continues regarding the Sudbury and Hamilton initiatives, there was nothing further to report.

5) PILOT: As PILOT liaison Mary Antes was not in attendance, the "PILOT" (Public Independent Living Options) report was deferred.

6) FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE Committee Chair, Bill Sterling provided an overview of the project with Graham Meus. G-M has been factoring in the river and wetland considerations as it relates to the municipal pad. The most recent renderings from G-M have been of concern as they are not complementary to the architectural design of the Town Center project and need to more adequately reflect the needs of both the library and the COA. Parking considerations need to be addressed. Bill recommended that if the library and COA worked to coordinate their program schedules, the "net parking needs" may be more easily addressed given the restricted parking area.

7) SELECTMEN UPDATE Board members discussed the desire to meet with the Board of Selectmen. With seniors representing 25% of Wayland's population, the Board would like to update the Selectmen on the needs of the "at risk population" as well as the provision of essential programs and services to the 60+ population.

8) COA SPEAKER POLICY: Further discussion was deferred to the May meeting. The directors are concerned about the many companies who contact the COA office, wishing to conduct information sessions with the senior population. It is becoming more of a challenge to identify the speaker who wants to "market his business" thereby developing a larger client base vs a speaker whose expertise in a given area could give seniors the tools to make better decisions, enhancing the quality of life.

9) TRANSPORTATION: Medical taxi voucher parameters and the MWRTA on-going challenges were discussed. A meeting with the MWRTA, Sarkis Sarkisian and Joe Nolan will be arranged to discuss dispatching concerns, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.