

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2011

7:00PM

SENIOR CENTER

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Betsy Soule, Chair
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Mary Antes, Secretary
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Betsy Soule, Chair; Mary Antes, Harriet Onello, Bill Sterling, Betsy Willard, Denise Yurkofsky, Bill Zellen <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> , Evelyn Ekmejian <u>Co-Directors:</u> JoAnn Kunz
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	There was no public comment

### Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:08pm

#### MINUTES

BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There was a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2011 (Yurkofsky/Onello).
<b>ACTION</b>	The minutes were approved. JoAnn will check with the Town Clerk to see if Geoff Smith has resigned from the board.

#### FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Bill Sterling met with the library group and John Moynihan to discuss next steps in the feasibility study. The group decided to terminate Graham Meus and use the remaining money for a peer review, cost estimation, or additional research such as the cost of moving the existing library to the town center space or a parking garage. John estimated the cost of a combined facility at \$14 million using the new high school per-foot cost. The \$10,000 remaining does not trigger the RFP process, the only requirement is to get three quotes.</p> <p>The group believes it is imprudent to reduce the size of the building from 45,000 square feet to the upper limit of the municipal pad (40,000 SF). To change the footprint of the municipal pad requires going back to the ZBA. The next step is to go to Town Manager Fred Turkington and engage a consultant. Using the existing day care center as discussed last month is the last resort. There was a question about whether the town center developer is obligated to provide a buildable municipal pad if DEP will not allow construction on the parcel currently set aside for municipal use, which is located in the buffer zone.</p> <p>The Selectmen's State of the Town meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> will focus on three capital projects: athletic fields, a new DPW facility, and a combined senior center/library. Bill S and Betsy S will make the presentation.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Members are urged to attend the October 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting and sit at separate tables so there is a COA member at each table who can speak about the combined project.

#### PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JOANN KUNZ

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Bill Zellen has been appointed to the Property Tax Relief Committee. JoAnn attended the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Transfer station fees and the Sudbury tax relief bill were discussed. The MCOA regional meeting was September 13<sup>th</sup> and JoAnn learned that the Sudbury bill is moving along in the State Legislature.</p> <p>The Board discussed transfer station fees and whether the Board should ask for a reduction in the fees for all seniors or just those getting other exemptions.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	JoAnn and Julie will draft a memo asking the DPW to reinstate the senior discount for those who qualify for other exemptions. The memo will be presented at the next board meeting.

#### FRIENDS OF THE COA

BETSY WILLARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Betsy Willard said the Iron Chef event was awesome. The Friends will meet on Thursday to debrief. Sandy Burr donated their space this year. Bill S said he attended a similar event in Maine where LL Bean donated camp stoves for the grill teams and then gave the equipment to the teams.
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<b>ACTION</b>	JoAnn and Julie have been requested to give of list of COA needs to the Friends.
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**DIRECTORS REPORT**

JOANN KUNZ

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The first Brown Bag event with Kevin Lemanowicz was excellent. Vivien Li, president of the Boston Harbor Association, will be the next speaker on October 12. This will be followed by a trip to the harbor on October 19th. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the MWRTA will host a meeting to discuss Charlie Cards and the new fixed routes. The Assessors will hold a meeting on October 31 to discuss abatements, the tax work-off program, and exemptions. Traditions hosted a lovely luncheon for about 70 people. SHINE counselors have started the Medicare Open Enrollment process.</p> <p>Now that Grace is no longer able to prepare the food for Meals on Wheels, preparation is done at the Sudbury COA. At the present time, the Sudbury manager delivers the meals to Wayland for our drivers to deliver. Wayland would like to use some of the funds saved by no longer preparing meals in Wayland to pay someone to drive meals from Sudbury to Wayland.</p> <p>Carol Martin is interested in serving on the board.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	The board agreed it would like to have her apply for appointment.

**BAY PATH**

JOANN KUNZ

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>JoAnn said that Evelyn reported that there is no waiting list; there are 25 Wayland clients; Bay Path has more space in its building; and the golf tournament made \$11,000.</p> <p>The Bay Path Annual Meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed possible nominations for volunteer of the year. It was suggested that Patty MacNeil be nominated.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

**PILOT**

MARY ANTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The PILOT officers have recommended dissolution of the organization.
<b>ACTION</b>	There will be a meeting on October 14 <sup>th</sup> to act on the recommendation.

**BUDGET**

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>JoAnn say that the finance director thinks this might be the year to move the volunteer coordinator into the town budget so that formula grant funds can be used for other needs. This means increasing the COA budget rather than reducing transportation or other funds. It also involving meeting with the Personnel Board to request their approval. It was suggested that because the COA is under-staffed, the formula grant could be used for another staff person such as a program coordinator. The board will also look at the small equipment and operations budgets, both of which are inadequate. The board may meet prior to the State of the Town meeting to consider the budget, which is due November 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next COA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00pm
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.