

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 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, , Evelyn Ekmejian, Bill Zellen <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Harriet Onello, Bill Sterling, Betsy Willard, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Co-Directors:</u> JoAnn Kunz and Julie Secord <u>Guest:</u> Carol Martin
<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 no quorum so no votes were taken.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Evelyn said BayPath's budget has doubled since the agency moved from Framingham. There is no waiting list; Wayland has 23 clients being served. The emphasis is to move clients out of nursing homes now that services can be provided in clients' homes. One problem is that hospitals can hold patients for up to 96 hours without admitting them before moving them into rehab facilities. This creates a Medicare problem. With consolidation of the nutrition program, it is no longer losing money.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JOANN KUNZ

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Tom Conroy has requested time to talk with the Tax Relief Committee. The committee is eager to learn what is happening with the Sudbury tax relief bill. The meeting with the assessors about exemptions was not well attended. Because a tax work-off person fractured a hip, new regulations are being written regarding physical limitations. Evelyn said that exemptions should be more clearly explained to tax work-off people. In some situations, individuals cannot receive more than a single exemption. In addition the circuit breaker is calculated on the reduced tax bill for tax work-off workers.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### FRIENDS OF THE COA

MARY ANTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The board is discussing whether to hold the Iron Chef each year or whether to alternate with another fundraiser that is less time consuming. Regarding needs, Julie mentioned a potential partnership with the Fire Department: fire fighters will post COA-purchased house numbers on houses without such identification as they check smoke detectors.
<b>ACTION</b>	JoAnn and Julie have been requested to give of list of COA needs to the Friends.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

JOANN KUNZ AND JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The directors have survived October Fest. The brown bag presentations have been very well received. The center is looking into electronic registration and email blasts to groups where changes are made or classes have been bumped.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### FEASIBILITY STUDY

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Fred has been asked to terminate Graham Meus and to use the remaining money meld the COA and library studies.  The Economic Development Committee is discussing the idea of building 216 units of senior rental housing on the former septage facility site. A member of the committee will come to the January meeting to present their idea.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**PILOT**

MARY ANTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	PILOT is hibernating for the next few months.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**RETIREMENT**

JOANN KUNZ

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	JoAnn announced her retirement on January 20, 2012. According to her conversations with the Middlesex Retirement Board, she can continue to work if needed up to a total of 960 hours. The question is whether to hire another co-director or consider another staff structure. If a change were to be made, this is the time to do it. A full-time director would be budget-neutral except for benefits, which are not included in departmental budgets. It was suggested that the board meeting prior to Town Meeting.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**BUDGET**

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The personnel and transportation budgets cannot be changed. The van is old and it is difficult to get drivers who are paid \$15 per hour. A larger van requires different licensure. Evening programs like the Vokes Players dress rehearsals would benefit by offering transportation. There was discussion of increasing the equipment line to \$2,000 in order to purchase a laptop or two and to increase staffing by including a program administrator/coordinator with an IT component. To add a position requires a meeting with the Personnel Board
<b>ACTION</b>	The board will need to meet again to approve the budget.

**DUMP STICKERS**

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>ACTION</b>	The co-directors will send a memo to the Department of Public Works asking the board to consider lowering landfill stickers for seniors who qualify for other exemptions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next COA meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00pm
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:57.