

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2011

7:00PM

WAYLAND SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

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

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:10pm

MINUTES

BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	There was a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2011 (Onello/Zellen).
ACTION	The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0-1.

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn agreed to continue to serve as the board's representative to Bay Path. She said the budget is expected to be level funded. Twenty-five people are receiving services in Wayland and six people are on the waiting list. Generally people remain on the waiting list no longer than three days. In the home care program, there are 1,193 people receiving services. While there is staff turnover, other good people fill the jobs. Evelyn would like to see more emphasis on the many services available on a sliding scale, such as referrals for respite services, not just the services available for those who meet income qualifications.
ACTION	

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JOANN KUNZ

DISCUSSION	JoAnn attended the April regional meeting. Activities are on hold pending action at the State House. The next meeting is June 14 th . All terms 30 th for the nine-member Wayland Tax Relief Committee are up June. Bill Z offered to replace Geoff Smith on the committee. Geoff is planning to move.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Planning is underway for the 2 nd Annual Iron Chef Competition to be held September 18 th . In addition to the six grill teams, there will be three two-person cake decorating teams. The annual town-wide appeal letters will go out in the next week or so. New officers were elected: Jane Capasso, president, Sue Pope and Betsy Willard, vice presidents, and Mary Antes, clerk. The Friends expect to fund an upgraded audio visual system once competitive bids are reviewed. The town is expected to pay for the microphones since the system will be used by other town groups. The town will also purchase new round tables.
ACTION	

DIRECTORS REPORT

JOANN AND JULIE

DISCUSSION	June has been a busy month with 60-70 people attending the photo tour of Boston and the play, Educating Rita. Eight or nine people have already signed up for En Plein Air with instructors David Lang and Bill Sterling. The poetry course is lightly subscribed but the bus trips are full. Margaret Krakauer will offer a basic drawing course and Cecilia Sharma will host an open studio. New administrative assistant Nancy Mandeville is doing very well. Rather than meet with the Board of Selectmen, Sue Pope will be invited to attend the next meeting. The greatest concerns are space, computers (the IT person is out on extended leave), new office hours, and
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	the census. The new hours are 8am to 7pm on Mondays, 8 to 4 Tuesdays through Thursdays, and 8 to 12:30 on Fridays. This will require an adjustment in staff time and perhaps a change in programming (Friday afternoon movies). The Federal Census reports 3,100-3,200 seniors in Wayland while the Town Census reports 3,500 senior. The formula grant, which funds the Volunteer Coordinator position, is based on the Federal census.
ACTION	Sue Pope will be invited to the next meeting.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill S thought the Graham Meus report was useful. They incorporated many of his comments and included regulations regarding the river front. Awareness of this is very important since a portion of the municipal parcel is in the river front. The second phase will be a design for the selected option, although Bill does not think anything will happen before fall. The meeting with the Library Trustees was the beginning of a bond between the two groups. Fred and John will be invited to any future meeting.
ACTION	

PILOT

MARY ANTES

DISCUSSION	The group has not met for about six weeks so there is nothing new to report.
ACTION	

TOWN MEETING UPDATE

JULIE

DISCUSSION	Julie reported on the concern raised at Town Meeting regarding the amount of expenditures from enterprise funds. State law limited such funds to \$500,000 for most enterprise funds and \$50,000 for COA enterprise funds. This year, our expenditures did not exceed \$50,000 but it could become a problem in the future as programming increases.
ACTION	

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Harriet made a motion to continue with the current officers. Suggestions of people to replace Geoff include Carol Martin and Louise Brown.
ACTION	The motion to continue with the current officers passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next COA meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2011 at 7:00pm
ACTION	The meeting adjourned at 8:45.