

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2011

7:00PM

SENIOR CENTER

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, Betsy Willard, Denise Yurkofsky, Bill Zellen <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Geoff Smith <u>Co-Directors:</u> JoAnn Kunz and Julie Secord <u>Guest:</u> Sue Pope
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:08pm

MINUTES

BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	There was a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2011.
ACTION	The minutes were approved.

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn reported that BayPath has a surplus this year. Twenty-two Wayland residents are on the waiting list to receive services. Efforts to get people out of nursing homes and back into their own homes are underway. It will require training in transitional services and follow-up. The next BayPath meeting will be in October. Grants will be announcement when the letters are received by the grant recipients. Julie said the number of home care meals is declining. .
ACTION	

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JOANN KUNZ

DISCUSSION	Geoff is no longer on the Tax Relief Committee Bill offered to serve in his place. The next meeting is August 23 rd at 10 pm. JoAnn said Carol Martin is resigning from the committee because of lack of time. JoAnn thought she would be a good board member.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

BETSY WILLARD

DISCUSSION	Betsy updated the board on the Iron Chef II Competition to be held September 18 th from 4 to 7. In addition to the six grill teams, there will be three two-person cake decorating teams with separate judges. There has been a good response to the annual town-wide appeal letters. Jane Capasso is the new president. The Friends have approved the purchase of large wall-hung screen and have been underwriting the August cool-off luncheons.
ACTION	

DIRECTORS REPORT

JOANN AND JULIE

DISCUSSION	JoAnn said that a group from the board and the Library Trustees is traveling to Canton, CT, to look at a combined senior center and library on Tuesday. There is interest in having a meeting of the study committee prior to the field trip. It appears that the plan is to talk to the Finance Committee and the Planning Board about requesting funds for schematic design at the Annual Town Meeting. The State of the Town Meeting sponsored by the Selectmen in September will focus on Capital Projects and Priorities. Bill S. asked why replacement of the DPW building is first in the queue. Sue Pope said that working conditions and environmental concerns topped the list of reasons. The cost of the project and the new location are unknown at this time.
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	<p>The new phone system is to be installed on August 16th. Julie said that there has been a run on medical equipment and the storage space in Loker will no longer be available. Julie said they have had great instructors for summer classes, including Bill S and David Lang. She also said that there will be a series of three brown bag conversations in the fall. The new Town Building hours have been implemented. JoAnn said that Monday night is very quiet. Julie has received permission to continue with the Friday afternoon movies. The new hours raise some questions about sick days on Mondays (11-hour day) and Fridays (4-hour day).</p> <p>The MWRTA has begun a fixed route that will operate seven days a week and make stops at Bent Park and the Cochituate Village Apartments. The COA is still not able to get ridership statistics.</p> <p>The Police Auxiliary will provide a lunch for seniors on August 21st.</p>
ACTION	

FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill S mentioned again the field trip on Tuesday and the committee meeting. They will ask the Canton COA and library about procedures for communication between the two groups.
ACTION	

PILOT

MARY ANTES

DISCUSSION	There is nothing new to report.
ACTION	

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Sue was informed about the frequent bumping of COA activities from reserved space. The co-directors estimate that this happens 2-3 times a month. Tuesday is an especially difficult day because the many activities make parking especially difficult. She was asked how the COA should make it known that, as the number of seniors increases, a staff of 2.7 FTEs will not be sufficient for the increased programming and services. Additional staffing will also be needed in the new space. Sue suggested talking with the Finance Committee about the issue on an ongoing basis. She also suggested trying some programming on Monday nights in the 5 to 7 time slot that the office is open. A few additional slots in the Tax Work-off program would be helpful. The COA has had to resort to a lottery the last three years. Bill Z asked how much revenue the additional meals tax has raised and whether the funds are earmarked.
ACTION	Sue said she would talk with Tom Fay, BOS chair, before the next meeting about these issues. She was thanked for her work as the COA liaison.

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next COA meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00pm
ACTION	The meeting adjourned at 8:25.