

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 and Julie Secord <u>Guest:</u> Carol Martin
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	There was no public comment. Members introduced themselves to Carol Martin who attended the meeting as a potential board member.

## Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:02pm

### MINUTES

BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There was a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2011 (Yurkofsky/Willard).
<b>ACTION</b>	The minutes were approved.

### FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Bill Sterling explained that Rebecca Matson Stanizzi of the Economic Development Committee suggested that the COA and the town considered asking the Twenty Wayland developer to not demolish the 10,400 sf Day Care building on the property in case it might be used for a senior center. Bill had a five-minute tour of the structure, which he said is finished as far as the studs. It was built within the 200 foot setback from the river and if torn down, DEP would not approve the construction of a new building. The land is part of the municipal pad.</p> <p>While the building is about 60 percent of the amount of space recommended in the feasibility study, Bill estimated it would cost about \$100 per square foot to finish compared to about \$300 per square foot for new construction and it could be available far sooner than a combined library and senior center could be built on the municipal pad. Bill had sketched out how the space could be used to meet most of the COA's needs. The board expressed concern that this plan would do nothing to meet the library's needs, particularly since it would be tough to add on to a building within the flood plain. Fred Turkington, the town administrator, likes this as a plan B. Julie said she was concerned about operating costs and being separated from the rest of the community and related support services.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Betsy made a motion to ask that the building not be demolished because it would provide almost four times the current COA space, it could be available sooner than new construction and at a lower cost although she had reservations about not talking to the Library Trustees. Harriet seconded the motion although she too was concerned about the library and the condensed space from 17,000 sf to 10,400. The motion passed unanimously.

### PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JOANN KUNZ

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board of Selectmen has been requested to appoint Bill Zellen to the Property Tax Relief Committee. The last meeting was August 23 <sup>rd</sup> and the next MCOA Tax Relief Committee meeting is September 13 <sup>th</sup> . There is no information about what has happened to the town of Sudbury's proposal based on Hamilton's property tax relief law. There are lots of tax relief proposals under consideration.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### FRIENDS OF THE COA

BETSY WILLARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Betsy and Julie updated the board on the Iron Chef II Competition to be held September 18 <sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7. There are six grill teams and three cake decorating teams and about 25 caterers so far. The proceeds from the annual town-wide appeal letters exceed last year
<b>ACTION</b>	

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

JOANN AND JULIE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Cool-off Luncheons have been such a success that the COA may have Warm-up Wednesday during the winter. The Brown Bag series and health and wellness programs are coming up. There has been good promotion for the fixed route bus. Town staff met to discuss how the town's preparation for the hurricane worked. A major problem is how to get information to the public when there is no electricity. There did not seem to be a need for a shelter but having some place where people could take showers, use computers, and charge telephones would have been helpful. At this point, the role of the COA seems to be education. Despite the new town building hours, the COA may still show movies on Friday afternoon. COA activities are still being bumped by other departments.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**PILOT**

MARY ANTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	At the most recent meeting, there was a presentation by ITN (Independent Transportation Network). The board of the Sudbury COA will have a similar presentation at one of its meetings.
<b>ACTION</b>	Julie is arranging a similar presentation for the Wayland board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The formula grant is being increased due to Wayland's larger senior population. This is based on the decennial census. The COA should be more active in getting seniors to fill out the census form. The grant pays for the volunteer coordinator, the volunteer luncheon, and educational materials.  Under the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) system at the transfer station, there is no special rate for seniors. After a brief discussion, it was decided that this issue should be placed on the October meeting agenda so that the board could adjourn and attend the Selectmen's discussion of the Day Care building at the Town Center.
<b>ACTION</b>	Fees for seniors using the PAYT system will be discussed at the October meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next COA meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00pm
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 so the board could attend the Selectmen's meeting.