

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2012 8:00AM

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, Becky Patterson, Bill Sterling, Betsy Willard, Denise Yurkofsky <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Bill Zellen <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:01am

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Bay Path will meet this week. The 81 people on the waiting list in August were off the list in September. Staff turnover is high because the pay is not very good. Julie asked about the meals program. She said there have been no frozen meals and communication has not been adequate to resolve the problems that arise.
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FRIENDS OF THE COA

BETSY WILLARD

DISCUSSION	Betsy said there is no significant update. Julie said again what a wonderful group the Friends are.
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TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee will meet in December. It will look into how the Sudbury tax relief bill is being implemented. It seems to be difficult for the assessors to administer.
ACTION	

BUDGET REVIEW

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>The operational budget was submitted with a five-page narrative. The budget with a five-percent cut reduced the tax work-off program by \$22,500. The budget narrative stated that the board did this with great reluctance not only because of its impact on 50 seniors but also on town departments, which would lose 3,100 hours of service.</p> <p>The capital budget includes a request for design funds for a combined library/COA/community building. The Library Trustees also supported the COA's vote to fund an independent cost estimator, although its vote is contingent on the Town Administrator's approval.</p> <p>In response to a question from the previous meeting, Julie clarified the revolving account.</p> <p>Both the Finance Director and the Town Accountant have resigned. John Senchyshyn is the interim finance director.</p>
ACTION	

FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill Sterling suggested a subcommittee with representatives from both the COA and the library to plan a PR campaign. We need to reach out to our own constituencies as well as to other boards and groups with a unified presentation. A tentative meeting of the committee was set for December 3 rd at 8 am. COA representatives are Bill, Denise, Betsy Willard, and Betsy Soule.
ACTION	Denise will call Ann Heller to get the Friends of the Library on board, a friend with marketing experience for guidance, and another friend who might be a good speaker. Bill will contact the Library Trustees to get members for the subcommittee. Betsy Soule will set up a meeting with Fred to discuss hiring an independent cost estimator and she will request help from a friend who retired from a major advertising firm. Julie will request a meeting with Mark Lanza to find out possible restrictions on her ability to advocate for the project in a public way.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie said the department has continued to be incredibly busy. Shawna Levine has started as a project coordinator one day a week, paid by the state grant. The town has not received any funds from the state since last January. There are normally two payments per year. Julie was thanked for the great job she did on the budget narrative.
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ACTION	The minutes of November 5 th were approved unanimously (Onello/Yurkofsky).

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be January 8, 2013 at 7 pm. Becky Stanizzi will attend.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am (Sterling/Patterson).