

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2012 7:00PM

SENIOR CENTER

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	COA Board Members Present: Betsy Soule, Chair; Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Martin, Bill Sterling, Betsy Willard, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: Harriet Onello, Bill Zellen <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:12pm

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BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	The minutes of November 1 were approved with one abstention (Sterling/Yurkofsky). The minutes of November 14 were approved unanimously (Yurkofsky/Sterling). The minutes of December 6 were approved unanimously (Martin/Yurkofsky). The minutes of January 23 were approved with one abstention (Sterling/Yurkofsky).

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Coolidge House tenants have been moved to other locations so that the building can be renovated. The wait list will begin March 1 st . Thirty-one Wayland residents are being served. Home Care is serving 1,001 people, including a 105 year old woman living in her own home and ECOP is serving 1,277. There is a surplus of \$100,000. The Nutrition budget is being cut by 25 percent due to the reduction in the number of congregate meals. The impact of the reduction in fuel assistance funds has been eased by the unusually warm winter. Bay Path will have a table at the Taste of MetroWest.
ACTION	Betsy Soule noted that the Letter of Intent for the grant program is March 31.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that there has been no meeting of the Property Tax Relief Committee since August. Ellen Brideau from the Assessors Office has volunteered to serve on the committee. The state has approved the Tax Work-off Program as a surrogate program. The DPW has agreed to waive a portion of the water bill for residents who qualify for 41C and sign a release.
ACTION	Julie will set up a meeting when Bill Zellen returns.

FRIENDS OF THE COA

BETSY WILLARD

DISCUSSION	Betsy said that the Friends will have a different fundraiser this year. The Friends voted to provide some discretionary funding for the COA to hold some large events in the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Julie pointed out the large new screen.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Center has been very busy. The \$2 lunch participation has increased from about a dozen to 45 people. The staff is restructuring the tax work-off program to include more specific physical requirements. The Finance Committee is recommending that Town Meeting increase the number of slots from 44 to 50. The COA will use three slots and could use a fourth to help set-up for events in the center.
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	<p>The staff is looking for new ways to restructure health and wellness activities because the town is requiring instructors to carry \$1 million dollars of liability insurance. Denise suggested that the Friends might be able to subsidize the programs and Betsy suggested that groups such as Sunrise and Traditions could collaborate with the COA.</p> <p>The 2nd Wednesday Brown Bags will be back this spring. The first speaker is from Fruitlands Museum. The recycling event will take place on April 18 and the Wayland Historical Society and COA Show and Tell program will be April 26. There will also be jewelry-making and a poetry series.</p>
ACTION	

FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	<p>Comments on the Phase II peer-review proposals were passed to John Moynihan and two or three applicants will be invited for interviews. However John doesn't think the developer is very flexible about increasing the size of the municipal pad and without additional space, a combined library/senior center is not possible. There was consensus that there is no point in conducting the interviews if a combined center is not feasible.</p>
ACTION	<p>Members of the board will talk with Selectmen Sue Pope and Steve Correia to get their input and, if a meeting is held to discuss next steps, they and the Town Planner will be invited to attend.</p>

TRANSPORTATION

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>The nine-passenger town-owned van has been repaired and is available to take small groups to area stores. The MWRTA has offered the COA the use of a 16-passenger van for one dollar a year, including monthly maintenance. The van has a lift and space for two wheel chairs but it requires the driver to have a commercial driver's license (CDL). As with other contractors, the town will require liability insurance. The town will not hire the driver as a town employee, which would eliminate the need for insurance. The school system does have CDL drivers who might drive the larger van. In that case, the COA would reimburse the schools. The town has agreed that volunteer coordinator can be paid for the time she spends on transportation from the COA's transportation budget.</p>
ACTION	

OTHER

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>The Economic Development Committee will hold a focus group with seniors on the proposed senior housing development on March 14th. Julie is working with the recreation department to be able to take online reservations.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>The next COA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00pm.</p>
ACTION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.</p>