

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JULY 31, 2012

7:00PM

SENIOR CENTER

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	<p><u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Betsy Soule, Chair; Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Martin, Harriet Onello, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Betsy Willard, Bill Zellen <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guests:</u> Debby Marion, Helen Brody, Judy Huber, Sheila Carel</p>
Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:00pm	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Debby Marion, director of the Golden Tones, introduced board members Helen Brody and Judy Huber. She announced that the Golden Tones will celebrate its 25th year in 2013 and will present a concert in conjunction with the town's 375th anniversary on June 16, 2013. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will be donated to the COA as a thank you for the support it has provided over the years, including rehearsal and storage space. Because its members will be involved in the concert, Debby asked for the COA's help in securing volunteers to help the afternoon of the concert. Betsy thanked the Golden Tones for their generosity.</p> <p>Sheila Carel, a new member of the Historical Commission and a teacher, said she became interested in the Historical Commission when she learned that land at the middle school was a Native American ceremonial ground. She asked that the COA consider including display space for Wayland's Native American artifacts in the combined COA/Library facility if one is constructed in the new town center. The board thought the idea had merit.</p>

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BETSY SOULE, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	The number of proposed parking spaces in the combined facility was corrected in two places to read 120 spaces.
ACTION	The minutes of June 18, 2012 were approved as corrected unanimously (Onello/Sterling).

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	<p>Evelyn reported that there is a large turnover in Bay Path staff that requires ongoing staff training. There are 272 clients in home care, including 28 in Wayland. Forty-six people are on the waiting list with two in Wayland.</p> <p>Bay Path has been working with Heart Home to buy small ranch houses that are converted into assisted living facilities for four or five residents and a caregiver.</p>
ACTION	

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie said the new committee is very good and well-structured. It is researching the Sudbury tax relief bill and working with Ellen on classification. The Circuit Breaker is valued at \$900.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Because of technical difficulties, the Friends' fall fundraiser will be a lobster bake on Sunday September 30 th , instead of the tailgate/football barbeque. There will be ice cream sundaes from Lizzy's, a dessert auction, and beer and wine bottle ring toss. The town-wide appeal has been mailed.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORTJULIE SECORD

The COA will soon have the use of a 16-passenger van leased to the town for \$1 per year by the MWRTA. The agreement requires regular service for the vehicle, no competition with MWRTA routes, and a driver with a commercial license. Because the town requires that service providers carry a \$1 million insurance policy, Julie worked out a deal with First Student to use one of their drivers for the van whose time will be billed to the COA. Julie suggested to the DPW that its new facility have covered storage space to extend the life of its and the COA's vehicles.

DISCUSSION The Tax Work-Off program assignments are underway. More people have applied than the 50 slots available. A wide variety of jobs are available. The COA is moving ahead with online registration. Julie suggested to Fred that the Day Care Center building be used for storage at the present time.

Programs continued to be oversubscribed. For a recent program, high school students worked with seniors to help them understand and use their technology gadgets. The courtyard concerts have been very well received. Julie will look for funding for a concert series next year. John Turchinitz will come to the COA to help with veterans' issues.

ACTION

FEASIBILITY STUDY

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill said there will be a meeting tomorrow with Fred and John. The original purpose was to discuss the library and COA working together on the project. Now the purpose seems to be reviewing the process leading to a meeting with the Selectmen later this month and beyond to meeting with the Finance Committee. Bill outlined his concerns with the site and the options that might be available.
ACTION	The board tabled any vote until there is more information and/or some issues are resolved.

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be September 11 at 7 pm.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.