

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2013

8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

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

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	The minutes of November 5, 2013 were unanimously approved (Sterling/Yurkofsky).

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn reported that 32 people in Wayland are receiving services and there are 1,241 people in Bay Path programs. The staff turnover rate is high because of the low salaries; there have been 17 new hires since summer. The nutrition program deficit is now under \$1,000, down from \$100,000 since Bay Path took it over. There is a new person dealing with insurance policy issues. Evelyn distributed a flyer on Healthy Living programs that lists lectures that are available through Bay Path.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The next meeting of the Tax Relief Committee is next week.
ACTION	

BUDGET

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The COA budget for FY 2015 has been submitted. There are still questions about the revolving account. The Finance Committee would like to have the COA spend more money from the account but Julie does not wish to spend money on items that will be used by the town more than by the COA. The center does need a software program for registering program participants, one that will separate in-town and out-of-town registrants. "My Senior Center" software is good for pulling end-of-year information for the EOE report but does not fulfill other department needs. The FinCom is looking into the feasibility of a separate account for a possible new facility.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Nancy attended the last meeting and said it is a nice group. Julie said the Friends are deciding when to send the town-wide appeal. Sandy Burr can provide lobsters for the Lobster Fest but does not provide other meats as TJ's has done.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Departments have been asked to identify risk management issues. Julie said that the orange chairs in the hearing room need to be replaced and the entrance to the Large Hearing Room from the street needs to
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	<p>be made handicapped accessible. She is also concerned about handicapped parking. The staff is working on a protocol for first-time visits to seniors. There will be a meeting to clarify the elder-at-risk list. Bill asked about the procedure when no one is at home to accept home-delivered meals.</p> <p>The 26th Children's Holiday Shoppe was successfully held. The COA is developing a relationship with the new Veterans' agent. The November Veterans' program attracted more than 70 people. COA programs have been bumped about eight times during the month of November. The holiday luncheon is coming up as well as a second think tank luncheon. Julie is looking into a zip lining trip and is talking with Minute Man about woodworking classes.</p>
ACTION	

SPACE INITIATIVE

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	<p>Bill said he has met with members of the Planning Board and Finance Committee. There is no appetite for a new library but there are two options for COA space being discussed informally. One option would combine town offices and a senior center with 30,000 sf of retail space and a second option would put the senior center in the former day care center (10,000 sf) perhaps with a connector to a new gym/art center/auditorium. Bill has been talking to Aida but the library trustees were discouraged by the audit report.</p>
ACTION	<p>The COA would like to explore these options further and be involved in the process.</p>

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 8 am.</p>
ACTION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 am.</p>