

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2013

8:15AM

SENIOR CENTER

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

### Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:18am

#### BUDGET

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Julie described the Finance Committee's discussion of the Library/COA capital budget item. They said that while the COA needs are clear, the library needs to show its need for additional space, other than parking and a larger auditorium. The RFP for the facility study has been renegotiated to include the municipal pad. The consultant wants to meet with all staff. There was a question about whether the COA could take its place in line if the DPW garage cannot be built at this time because of methane gas. The board reiterated its desire for a combined library/COA facility; the two departments are working well together.  Town Meeting begins on Thursday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> and continues on Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 6pm.
<b>ACTION</b>	Julie will request a copy of the facility study RFP from John Moynihan. Another meeting with the library trustees will be set up.

#### BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	It is expected that Bay Path's budget will decrease. However the budget for protective services will increase due to serving more people. Evelyn distributed the Home Care Report for December 2012 and a summary of Community Services and Programs for December 2012.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Friends will meet on Thursday and discuss fundraisers. The appeal letter was successful. The Friends are interested in maintaining a substantial amount of money for the new building.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The committee will meet with State Representative Tom Conroy to discuss the Sudbury bill.  With the reduction of the tax rate for FY 2013 and stable property values, some seniors will not be able to take advantage of property tax exemptions because state law does not allow a taxpayer to pay less than the taxes paid in the preceding fiscal year. There is interest in increasing the parameters.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The COA budget includes \$5,000 for taxi vouchers. Users currently pay \$15 for a \$25 voucher. A request for a ride to Dedham on a regular basis, a trip that will cost about \$100 each way, prompts the need for a policy. Harriet suggested that 'no one person may use more than 10 percent of the funds per year.'
<b>ACTION</b>	The staff will discuss the suggestion.

### MINUTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The minutes were approved with two corrections: add -ed to the word 'review' in the minutes section and the addition of Betsy Willard's last name in the section saying she resigned from the board.
<b>ACTION</b>	The minutes of January 8 <sup>th</sup> were approved with one abstention (Onello/Yurkofsky)

### OTHER

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Julie said that the COA is offering a number of trips this month. The trip to Boston is attracting a number of people because it is very inexpensive. A Simple Solutions Expo will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trinitarian Church from 3 to 6 pm; there will be speakers every 30 minutes. Julie is organizing a summer concert series on the second Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>Bill asked the board to think about what the greatest need(s) of the COA are. The answer continues to be space. Every program offered goes to wait list because of insufficient space. There is also lack of private consultation space.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

### ADJOURNMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be March 5 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.