

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2013

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

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:07am

REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUDIT

BOARD

DISCUSSION	<p>The board agreed that the DRA audit report substantiated the needs of the COA but did not support the needs of the library as well. Bill Sterling said that the cost estimates seem to be on the mark; the report also includes the projected cost increases in future years. The Finance Committee has reviewed the report but not the Selectmen. The Fin Com may ask for an expanded study.</p> <p>The COA-Library remains the strongest combination for the municipal pad. Both boards will need to carry out a campaign to gain support. It is important to hold information sessions for seniors during the day, before a general campaign begins. Mary said that the League of Women Voters would be willing to host an educational forum.</p>
ACTION	Julie will email Carol Martin, the COA FinCom liaison, for additional information. Actions include: putting information about the report in the COA newsletter; putting information on a loop for the TV in the Senior Center; talking with DRA about information for the loop and about a public presentation; reaching out to the Northborough Senior Center; speaking with Fred about when the Selectmen will review the report; and talking with the library about reactivating the PR subcommittee.

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

EVEYLN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn reported that the administrator is retiring so Baypath will hire a new administrator and a human resources person. The money management program is the most popular program. Thirty-four Wayland residents are receiving services. The cost of senior care meals (not Meals on Wheels) is increasing from \$6.25 to \$9.33. Recipients pay \$3. The push to get people out of nursing homes continues; people with mental disabilities, brain injuries, senility, etc. are being moved into group homes.
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FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Friends Lobster Fest will be held on Sunday September 15 th at Sandy Burr from 5:00 to 7:30pm. There will be a dessert auction.
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SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The last meeting was not well-attended. The committee will try meetings at 8am every other month. Don Bustin is doing a great job of pulling information together so that tax relief measures target the right segments of the population.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The COA has been extraordinarily busy because of the addition of end-of-the-fiscal-year activities. Nancy deposited \$33,000 in the revolving fund during the fiscal year. Tech staff have been wonderful helping with online registrations, monitoring of programs, and keeping track of location of programs. A big
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	breakfast may have to be rescheduled due to repaving of the parking lot. Van trips are very popular despite the hard ride. The old van is being disposed of. First Group is increasing the driver's hourly rate from \$15.75 to \$45/hour because it didn't include expenses such as Workers Compensation in calculating the hourly rate. The company will honor the lower rate for summer programs but will increase it in the fall. Maureen has some health issues and Shawna is picking up some of her work.
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DISCUSSION	The minutes were deferred.
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OTHER

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DISCUSSION	Bill S. said he and Denise are interested in setting up a bocce club. Traditions has a court but it is not being used. An article will be put in the newsletter to solicit interest. Harriet gave the report of the nominating committee: Betsy Soule, chair; Bill Sterling, vice chair; Mary, clerk.
ACTION	The motion to approve the slate was voted unanimously. (Sterling/Patterson).

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be September 3, 2013 at 8 am. The Golden Tones will present a check from their 25 th anniversary concert.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned 9:15am.