

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2013

7:00PM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:01am

BAY PATH

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie said that Bay Path meals cost \$1.40 per serving. Frozen meals are no longer provided.
ACTION	

TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie said that Tom Conroy and someone from Sudbury will attend the next meeting of the Senior Tax Relief Committee to talk about the Sudbury tax relief legislation.
ACTION	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BECKY STANIZZI AND NICK WILLARD

DISCUSSION	Becky updated the council on the senior housing development proposed for the former septage facility. The committee has paid for an environmental and a marketing study. The septage facility was clean but there is some possible contamination in the dirt piles along the road into the transfer station and some lead contamination around the firing range. The marketing survey showed that the market is deep enough to construct 216 units, particularly if about a quarter of them are not age restricted. More than that number of non-age restricted units would have an impact on traffic. The units will be small and limited to one and two-bedrooms to keep the rental price down. There is also interest in locating a diner along the eastern edge of the development. The committee is now investigating how 216 units could fit within the property. The plan is to have articles in the spring warrant to declare the land surplus and to change the zoning. An RFP will be developed and sent to potential developers. Becky said that the rental market is the hottest market. Currently there are no taxes coming to the town from the property while the proposed development could result in \$750,000 in taxes per year.
ACTION	

BUDGET UPDATE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Selectmen Doug Leard met with Julie about the operating budget. The operating budget will come before the Finance Committee at 9 pm on January 14. There is no money in the capital budget for a COA/Library facility. Facilities Director John Moynihan is opposed to putting in a small amount for further studies because he believes such studies will have to be duplicated in the next phase. The capital budget will be reviewed by the FinCom on January 17 th and the hope is to have a dialogue with FinCom. Meanwhile the facilities study will not be awarded until April and it appears that only the library, station 2, and the DPW building will be reviewed.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

BETSY WILLARD

DISCUSSION	The next meeting of the Friends is February 7 th .
ACTION	

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DISCUSSION	The minutes of November 26 th were review. It was agreed that the third paragraph of the Budget Review section be replaced with the following statement: In response to a question from the previous meeting, Julie clarified the revolving account. In the Feasibility Study, Action section, the following sentence was deleted: Julie will submit an application to SOAR for a person to work with the committee to develop and carry out a PR campaign.
ACTION	The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected (Willard/Onello).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION	<p>The 25th annual Holiday Shoppe was the biggest and best ever. The profit of about \$1,700 is divided between purchasing materials for next year (30 percent) and donations to organizations (70 percent). Money made in the adult area goes to the Senior Club. Kathy Hodge, who has shopped, organized, and stored items, is going to have to step away. The staff will discuss how to move forward.</p> <p>Julie would like to use more grant money to increase Shawna's hours so that she can take on more transportation duties. Denise will provide legal services in January and there will be a program on health care proxies in February. Harriet and Denise suggested a program on MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment), a new DPH requirement designed to increase communication, uniformity, and discussion. There will be a Simple Solutions Expo and electronics recycling in April.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be February 5, 2013 at 7 pm. Betsy submitted her resignation from the board because she has too many conflicts. She suggested that the board consider Michael Abend as a member. Betsy was thanked for her service and given a lovely bouquet of flowers.
ACTION	Michael will be invited to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.