

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2014 7:00PM

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, Denise Yurkofsky, Bill Zellen COA Board Members Absent: Bill Sterling <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guests:</u> Becky Stanizzi, Nick Willard
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment..

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 7:01pm

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	The minutes of December 2, 2013 were unanimously approved (Yurkofsky/Patterson). The minutes of January 21, 2014 were unanimously approved (Yurkofsky/Leifer).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	As usual, the center has been busy. Sue is back, working part-time. The staff has worked together well and flexibly, aided by the open office space. There is a new partnership with the Wayland Stop and Shop. It will donate prepared deli foods two days a week that will be distributed in a 60 minute time period (Monday and Thursdays from 11 to 12). Fifteen to 20 people have taken part. Stop and Shop sent a flower arrangement for Valentine's Day. There will be an insert for Mass Memories in the March newsletter. Bill Sterling has asked Julie to prepare a grid of when people come into and leave the center. The Art Center continues to be a problem: pottery classes leave a fine film on everything and the water color classes have to clean up before starting their lessons. New space should have clean art space and messy art space. The Energy Committee has asked Julie to list energy issues in the town building. The small conference room was as low as 42 degree this winter while exercise spaces can be very warm, requiring doors to be opened to lower the temperature. The floor in the senior center is uneven due to moisture under the building. The Town Report has gone to press.
ACTION	Julie will make a list of concerns for Ellen Tohn on the Energy Committee.

FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Friends fundraiser will be October 5 th at Sandy Burr. They are considering a Hollywood quiz show with teams and audience members competing against one another. An appeal letter will go out this spring.
ACTION	

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEGIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn said that the last Bay Path meeting was cancelled but the group is meeting tomorrow. There is no wait list. Bay Path counsellors now have 70 clients instead of 90.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee has two new members. The number of members has been reduced to seven. One of the new members will attend the meetings in Westwood. The committee meets at 8 am on the even
-------------------	--

	numbered months.
ACTION	

RIVER'S EDGE PRESENTATION

BECKY STANIZZI

DISCUSSION	<p>Becky Stanizzi described the changes that have been made to the plan presented last year. Only the rear of the building will have a fourth floor and it will include an elevator. The number of units has been reduced to a range of 150 to 190. A minimum of 25 percent of the units will be age restricted and 25 percent will be affordable. There will be three affordable units with three bedrooms while the remaining units will be one- and two-bedroom. One bedroom units will be about 600-650 square feet and two-bedroom units will be around 950 to 1,000 square feet. There will be few children because the units are small. There will be some underground parking in the rear of the building.</p> <p>There were questions about the cell towers. Currently it is possible to site four towers in the cell tower district. River's Edge would reduce that number to three. There are no archeological concerns.</p> <p>After the presenters left, the board discussed the project. They liked the age mix, felt the project would be good for seniors, and thought it important to increase the amount of affordable housing in town. Bill said it is our one chance to improve a major entrance to Wayland; he likes the design guidelines. The board likes the idea of a diner in the facility as a way to bring the community to the building.</p>
ACTION	Julie and Betsy will draft a letter of support and send it out for comments. Comments should be sent only Julie and Betsy.

QUEST FOR SPACE

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee is interested in moving the town building to the town center. The current building is poorly maintained and has many energy problems. It will take an heroic effort to sell the proposal by fall. It might be easier to move the senior center to the space that will be built across from Orange Leaf until the current town building is sold.
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned.