

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

WED., AUGUST 20 2014 7:25PM

WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING,  
COA

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	COA BOARD MEMBER, BILL STERLING presented conceptual COA/Community Center proposal to Wayland Recreation Commission during their scheduled meeting.
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Julie Secord, COA Director
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Betsy Soule, Chair; Mary Antes, Nancy Leifer, Bill Sterling <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Becky Patterson, Evelyn Ekmejian, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Also attending:</u> Julie Secord, COA Director

The Recreation Commission invited the Council On Aging to present an overview of a proposed COA/Community Center at Wayland Town Center at their August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting held in the COA at the Wayland Town Building. COA agenda time was 7:25pm

The Commission was timely and the presentation by COA Board Member Bill Sterling started promptly at 7:25pm. Bill used the aerial shots of Town Center to clearly identify the proposed location. A conceptual rendering (prepared by Planning) was also distributed to Rec Commisison members to better understand the space configuration, wetlands, setbacks, etc.

Bill provided an overview of the project including the details of the existing 10,000 square foot shell -formerly a Raytheon daycare building that was never completed. Bill commented on the cost effectiveness of building out the existing construction.

Although not the same magnitude as the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Bill did draw parallels to the richness of the resources at the Town Center location ..the Sudbury River, the canoe launching area, the Town Green and the proposed COA/Community Center.....referring to it as "an emerald bracelet". The Recreation Commission recognized COA's critical need for space.

The discussion also included a proposed rendering of the floor plan for the daycare building – a design with large meeting rooms that would be accessible to Town Departments and community groups when not in use. The proposed covered walkway from the existing Raytheon building would lead to a second phase construction that could potentially house the Wayland Art Center (currently at the Cochituate Fire Station). It was commented that building audit commissioned last year addressed the critical need for space at the Fire Department and the recommendation to relocate the Art Center.

The Recreation Commission applauded the intergenerational approach and interdepartmental collaboration. The Recreation Commission voted to support the conceptual proposal and appoint a liaison to an advisory committee if the idea was to move forward. Both the Recreation Commission and COA recognize the need to clarify the disposition of the municipal pad with Town Center developers as being primary to move ahead.