

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

MON., AUGUST 25,
2014; 7:05PM (AGENDA
TIME WITH BOS)

WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING:
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

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

The Board of Selectmen invited the Council On Aging to present an overview of a proposed COA/Community Center at Wayland Town Center at their August 25th meeting held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Wayland Town Building. COA agenda time was 7:05pm

COA Board Member Bill Sterling was invited to start the presentation promptly at 7:05pm. Bill used the aerial shots of Town Center and the conceptual rendering of the proposal as developed by Planning to provide an overview as well as to better understand the space configuration, wetlands, setbacks, etc.

Bill's overview included 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 Board of Selectmen questioned the COA about the need for space. Julie Secord referenced the month of October as a prime example of the department losing use of space at the Town Building due to other departments needing to hold multiple large events in the Large Hearing Room. So as not to cancel exercises programs for seniors during October, the COA contracted to rent space at the church rather than cancelling health and wellness programs.

Bill Sterling's presentation to the BOS included an overview of meeting room space that would be accessible to Town Departments and community groups when not in use by COA. A 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. Discussion also touched on the disposition of the existing Town Building. If the building were to be sold or leased, the COA/Community Center would also allow space for a multi-purpose gymnasium that could also be utilized for large events, theatrical presentations, etc. The BOS also asked for the current status of the COA/Library initiative. Whereas the space at Town Center was not adequate to address both the needs of the COA and the Library, the Library fully understood and was supportive of the COA continuing forward with a proposal at Town Center.

The Board of Selectmen seemed to recognize COA's critical need for space, the intergenerational value of the initiative as well as the willingness for interdepartmental collaboration. The BOS discussed the numerous variables – including clarity on the municipal pad at Town Center. To better evaluate design, space, parking, etc, the BOS voted to establish an Advisory Council for the COA/Community Center proposal. Acting Town Administrator John Senchyshyn was asked to develop a "charge" for this advisory council for BOS review.

Discussion concluded approximately 7:45pm.