

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2014 8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

FACILITATOR	Bill Sterling, Vice-Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	<u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick, Nancy Leifer, Ellen Scult, Bill Sterling <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Betsy Soule, Chair; Becky Patterson, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:06am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of November 3 rd were considered.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 3 rd (Leifer/Scult).

BAY PATH

CAROL GLICK

DISCUSSION	Carol attend the last meeting but did not have anything to report.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

MARY ANTES AND NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	The Friends will not meet again until January.
ACTION	

COA/COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	The committee has been meeting weekly and will report to the Selectmen on Monday night. All members of the committee agree that there is a need for additional space for the COA and the recreation department. The committee asked for suggestions for the site from the public; many were from younger families supporting space for services for people of all ages. The draft report will recommend further study of the space at the town center: constructing a new facility, renovating the existing building, or renovation and adding on to the existing building. Carol said she attended the Raytheon PIP meeting and learned that Raytheon did not clean up around the former day care center building. Bill said that moving forward with the site will require a review of all the challenges and requirements posed by the site.
ACTION	The committee will recommend that the Selectmen submit an article for the spring town meeting.

PERSONNEL BOARD

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that she and Betsy met with the Personnel Board to request a part-time program administrator. Their presentation followed public comment in which a resident said that Wayland's population is stable so there should be no need for additional staff. Julie pointed out that the senior population is not stable, that it has grown by 42 percent since 2007. Julie said that John Senchyshyn reported that Personnel Board approved the COA's request.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>The Holiday Shoppe was a great, sold-out success. The gym worked very well despite having to break down in 30 minutes. With an average price of about \$1.75, the shop grossed about \$2,100. One-third is invested in merchandise for next year; two-thirds goes to non-profits selected by the committee.</p> <p>The Senior Tax Relief Committee is getting ready to meet with the Board of Selectmen to solicit their support for sending a letter supporting the raising of the exemption rates for seniors statewide.</p> <p>Wayland, Lincoln, and Weston are submitting a collaborative grant to fund the Aging Mastery Program, a 12-week program that will be hosted by Weston since Wayland cannot guarantee space for the full 12 weeks. The program is federally funded and distributed by MCOA and Tufts.</p> <p>The SHINE Program counselors survived open enrollment, working with 225 to 250 people. It was suggested that this be the subject of a newspaper article.</p> <p>Space and parking continue to be a problem. Large events can fill the entire parking lot. Julie has a meeting with Nan to discuss options that might remedy the problems.</p> <p>Maureen has been working two jobs. Her other job has offered her more hours and with two in college, she has decided to accept. Shawna is willing to pick up a few additional hours.</p> <p>The holiday luncheon is tomorrow and the bell ringers come next Wednesday. There are new faces at the COA café.</p> <p>A person interested in the tax work-off program is an eligible driver but the town's insurance will not cover him. The IRS classified tax work-off residents as employees but MIIA does not.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.