

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2014

8:02AM

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, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: Bill Zellen <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guests:</u> Carmine Gentile, candidate for State Representative
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:02am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Bill S. said the space at the former day care center is 10,200 rather than 13,000 sf.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 as corrected (Sterling/Patterson).

BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn will send the Bay Path summary to the board. Bay Path has a new website that is very comprehensive. They want to use the former Marlborough COA building for supportive housing. Evelyn will have to step off the Bay Path board for one year; June 23 rd will be her last meeting.
ACTION	The board will need to find a replacement for Evelyn on the Bay Path board as well as two new COA board members. Several names were suggested.

FRIENDS

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Lobster Fest will include an art show. There is no update on the response to the appeal letter. Bill suggested a yard-sale-type fundraiser with the proceeds to go towards a new facility. Julie could support having the COA host a yard sale where residents could rent space and sell their own possessions.
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RIVER'S EDGE

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Jean Milburn talked with Julie about building a new senior center on-site at River's Edge. Julie is concerned that an on-site center would be viewed as a private club. However, the developer could be asked to contribute to a new facility on a different site.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and voted to appoint Bill Sterling as the COA's representative to the River's Edge committee (Yurkofsky/Antes).

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	With the reopening of Loker School, the COA will lose its storage space for the medical equipment that is loaned to residents. Julie estimated that she needs a space of about 11 by 11 feet.
ACTION	Mary will raise the issue at the next Selectmen's meeting.

SPACE NEEDS

JULIE SECORD AND BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill distributed a sketch of how the space in the former day care center could be reconfigured as a senior/community center. The plan includes a river room in the lobby/reception area. Sarki is working on cost estimates. There are several options. Twenty Wayland could be asked to renovate the space using the gift money. The whole concept of a senior/community center, gym, and art center could be packaged and a professional fundraiser hired. A separate art center could be built adjacent to the day care center so
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	that all the work that needs to be done in the wetlands could be completed at one time. It was suggested that a Paine Estate-type effort be mounted (several committees representing the various interest groups working together to present a comprehensive plan to town meeting).
ACTION	We need to get our project on the capital plan, gather support from the Selectmen and others, and meet with the Finance Committee in early July. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to ask the Town Planner to prepare two cost estimates, one public and one private construction, and to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss the funding of renovations of the former day care center, including parking to provide needed space for the Council on Aging (Yurkofsky/Onello). Julie will request to be on the Personnel Board agenda to request a part-time position.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie has organized a series of five concerts on Thursday evenings beginning June 19th. There are sponsors for each concert; no taxpayer money will be used. The tax work-off program begins today; Becky Patterson will coordinate the program.</p> <p>The Senior Tax Relief Committee has not met; they are working on increasing exemption rates.</p> <p>This is Harriet's last meeting; she and Bill Z will not continue on the board. Harriet was thanked for her dedicated service on the COA.</p>
ACTION	Julie will request the position description of the DPW administrative coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2014 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:23.