

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2015

8:00AM

LARGE HEARING ROOM

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

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:07am

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BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of January 6, 2015 were considered.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 6 th (Leifer/Ekmejian).

COA/COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Finance Committee voted 7-0 to support the request for \$150,000 for due diligence and a feasibility design for a proposed COA/Community Center at Wayland town Center. Julie commented that the exhibit shows a community-centered project. There was a discussion of how the board might publicize the article. Don Bustin and Julie are working on an informational brochure. Jean Milburn is collecting data for a handout at Town Meeting.
ACTION	Ellen Scult will interview Julie and write an article about what the COA does. Nancy Leifer will send a letter to the editor about why the proposal is important and Carol Glick will send one written from the intergenerational aspect.

BAY PATH

CAROL GLICK

DISCUSSION	Julie said a Bay Path nutritionist is speaking with people privately about nutrition, which is working better than group sessions. Carol was very impressed with the orientation she received from Bay Path and with the large number of volunteers. Conditions in the three supportive housing programs are greatly improved and provide 294 units. Mass. Home Care proposes an increase in the income eligibility requirement from \$27,000 to \$35,000. Carol distributed the Board Meeting Highlights handout from February 25, 2015.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Friends will meet on Thursday after several weather-related cancellations.
ACTION	

VALOR ACT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	There is an article on the warrant to fund the Valor Act at \$15,000 for 30 Veterans. Julie feels that the program will eventually end up being managed by the COA along with John Senchynshyn and the Assessors' Office. The tax work-off program has been more challenging because of the amount of paperwork.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>The weather has created a number of challenges from Meals on Wheels to program cancellations and re-scheduling. The center has provided flashlights and frozen meals for MOW clients to use when the weather has caused cancellations. The snow shoveling program has not been operating for several years because of difficult student schedules. However there has been shoveling done at selected houses so that care givers could serve their clients.</p> <p>Becky Patterson has done a wonderful job managing the tax work-off program. A total of 3,100 hours of service have been provided to the town. Thirty-nine slots have been filled; 16 people have completed their work with 10 additional people nearly done. The deadline is March 31st. At least some of the remaining funds will be used for half slots. We don't want the funding level reduced next year. Julie expects to start the process earlier this year.</p> <p>With Maureen gone, the staff is considering some restructuring. The Volunteer Coordinator will report to the Program Coordinator. There has been no increase in staffing since 2006.</p> <p>The Senior Tax Relief Committee met with the Selectmen to request their support for its letter to our legislative delegation requesting that the state increase the eligibility levels in Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C. The eligibility levels have not changed since the law was enacted in 1986. The Selectmen supported the request and will write a letter of support. If the state does not act, the committee will request a local option. On March 24, Senator Ross will sponsor a program on the Circuit Breaker.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of January 6, 2015

Finance Committee Comments on the COA/CC Warrant Article

Copy of COA Annual Report

Bay Path Elder Services Board Meeting Highlights, February 25, 2015