

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2015

8:00AM

SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

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

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:07am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of April 14, 2015 were considered.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of April 14 th (Leifer/Yurkofsky).

COA/CC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Julie distributed a copy of the draft charge of the committee to oversee the next phase of the COA/CC, which was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Bill suggested arranging tours of other communities' senior centers, particularly for those who think our space is adequate.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to appoint Bill Sterling as the representative to the new committee (Yurkofsky/Ekmejian).

BAY PATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK

DISCUSSION	Carol reported that the House proposes major budget cuts; the Senate version of the budget will be released later today. There is a new Secretary of Elder Affairs.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The town-wide appeal letter has been mailed. Lobsterfest will be October 4 th at Sandy Burr. The Friends have deposited \$50,000 in a CD for future needs and allocated \$2,500 for a digital signboard and \$1,500 for speakers.
ACTION	

VALOR ACT/TAX WORK OFF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Valor Act, which will be administered by the Assessors, will allow two veterans in the same household to access Valor funds. No taxes will be taken from the \$500 sum because the funds are taken from the overlay. These two features make the traditional tax work-off less attractive. The minimum wage of \$9 will reduce the number of hours to be worked to 55.5. The board considered several options: two levels of work requirements and a couple's job share.
ACTION	There was consensus to offer two levels of work-off programs: \$500 and \$750. A job share will be considered if it is appropriate for the assignment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The year's largest event, the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, featured a nautical theme, including a steel band and seltzer bar. The My Senior Center electronic check-in has been installed and will enable the staff to update contact information. The Aging Mastery class is going well. The Center is offering its first early morning class, a 7:30am Pilates class. The five-week outdoor concert series begins June 18 th .
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	<p>George Harris has requested public records on Wayland's usage reports to EOE. Julie has invited him to meet with her to give him a more complete picture of the center's activities. Carol pointed out the trend to aging in place and the need for socialization activities.</p> <p>There is interest in increasing the number of affinity groups, like the travel group that just returned from Peru. Some of the new trips are bringing in younger seniors.</p>
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>Representative Alice Peisch responded to the letter from the committee requesting increases in the eligibility guidelines for Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C. She would like to meet with the committee during her office hours in Wayland. The committee is contacting local tax preparers to familiarize them with the various exemption options, including Wayland's match of the Circuit Breaker program.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 8 am.</p>
ACTION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.</p>

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of April 14, 2015
- Draft Charge for the COA/CC Committee