

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

APRIL 14, 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, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.

Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of March 3, 2015 were considered.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 3 th (Scult/Patterson).

FRIENDS OF THE COA

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that the town-wide appeal is being prepared, that the Lobsterfest is scheduled for October 4 th , and that Sue Pope and Betsy Willard are the new co-presidents. Funds have been allocated for a digital display board that will show the location of various COA activities.
ACTION	

COA/CC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill said that the vote at Town Meeting to appropriate \$150,000 for due diligence was passed overwhelmingly but not by 2/3. This means we need to rally supporters to vote to accept the land by a 2/3 vote. The current committee will be disbanded and a new committee appointed to take the next steps. Evelyn pointed out the discrepancy between the number of seniors living in Wayland based on the 2010 census (3,100) and the actual number (3,739). The grant the town receives is based on the census data population.
ACTION	Bill and Julie were commended for their work. Bill will talk with Jean Milburn about the possibility of doing some fundraising. Betsy and Nancy will lead a subgroup to work on program requirements

BAY PATH

CAROL GLICK

DISCUSSION	Carol said that under the Adult Family Care program, family care-givers can be paid. She also recommended the newly improved web site that provides information about services by town— www.CaregivingMetroWest.org .
ACTION	

VALOR ACT/TAX WORK OFF

BECKY PATTERSON AND JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Becky said that 40 of the 42 tax work-off participants have completed their 62 hours and about six more have completed an additional 31 hours. Because of the increase in the minimum wage to \$9, the work requirement will be 55.5 hours next year. Ellen Brideau, Assessor, will try to structure the Valor Act after the tax work-off program. Each program will set aside one or two slots for coordination of the programs.
ACTION	Julie and Ellen will meet with department heads to think about their needs. They will also try to involve the Veterans' Agent.

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE UPDATE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The letter to legislators requesting an increase in the eligibility levels in Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C has been sent and the committee received good feedback from Representative Carmine Gentile. Before publicizing the available tax relief programs, the committee needs the approval of the Assessors. There will be presentations and a mailing to inform residents about the programs.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>May 6th is the volunteer recognition lunch. The Firehouse Breakfast was a great success. Both Senator Ross and Representative Gentile presented citations for retiring fire chief Vinnie Smith. Electronic recycling will take place on April 23rd; there is a charge only for TVs. Julie got another sponsor for the summer concert series, which will be held every Thursday. The travel interest group is off to Peru. The center is interested in facilitating other interest groups. Ben Keefe, the public buildings administrator, may be able to get hot water to the Senior Center kitchen. The center has a new-to-them 2008 or 2009 van. Shawna is planning some great trips.</p> <p>The newsletter continues to provide some challenges. There were pages missing in the April edition and about 400 were not delivered. The three-town Aging Mastery program is going well. The speakers have been very good.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of March 3, 2015