

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2016

8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

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

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:08am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of February 9, 2016 were considered.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 9 (Leifer/Patterson/Yurkofsky).

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK

DISCUSSION	There was no report.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee will meet in April.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy reported that the Friends will send an appeal letter out next month. It is expected to include pictures of COA activities, pictures and quotes, and the need for space. The Friends are also considering a BBQ Iron Chef at the town beach but there are lots of issues to consider.
ACTION	

COA/CC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COA/CCAC)

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee has hired a firm to do an alternative site analysis as required by the Conservation Commission. The WRAP committee is concerned about overlapping activities among COA, Recreation, and library programs. Julie and the recreation director are working on a combined schedule, including Veterans' needs. Activities to promote the project include a Q & A flyer/article and displays including town maps showing where seniors and children live.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to support the COA/CC Town Meeting article (Yurkofsky/Leifer). Ellen offered to work on a Q & A flyer if given the questions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<i>New Veterans Services Agent:</i> The COA will host a meet and greet for the new Veterans agent, Sarada Kalpee, in April. She will have office hours one full day a week. <i>Fiscal Restructuring:</i> The revolving accounts are all set; the first payment of indirect costs will be in May, 2017. The department needs to switch to a new accounting system, such as Quick Books, and encourage
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	<p>monthly payments for programs. Julie said that Nancy is a wizard at keeping all the accounts straight.</p> <p><i>Transportation Services:</i> Julie is working with Baypath on a pilot project for seniors who need help getting from house to bus (an escort). This will require a change in the contract with the MWRTA.</p> <p><i>Review of Policy Dealing with Presentations by Private Companies:</i> Julie is approached by many private companies offering programs on such topics as financial planning, long term care insurance, reverse mortgages, etc. The Council supported the current guideline that does not allow businesses to educate the community on specific products or services unique to their company. In practice, this means most presenters come from governmental or non-profit organizations.</p> <p><i>Electronic Recycling</i> has been cancelled for this year because of lack of a suitable location.</p> <p><i>Other:</i> The center is very busy and most programs are fully subscribed. The tax work-off program is coming to an end. Next year there will be only a single level of service. Wayland has not yet received the state formula grant funds. The question of independent contractors has come up again.</p>
ACTION	Julie will talk with Gail Shapiro who has provided courses on financial literacy for women. John Senchyshyn is looking into whether a grant-funded position can be considered an independent contractor.

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2016 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes of February 9, 2016