

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

MAY 3, 2016

8:00AM

SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Betsy Soule, Chair
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Mary Antes, Secretary
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	COA Board Members Present: Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Carol Glick, Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guests:</u> Gordon Cliff
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	Gordon Cliff read a statement recommending 1) that the COA take a firm position on whether locating a new COA facility at the municipal pad is the best option and 2) that the next step be limited to renovating the 10,000 square foot vacant building for a COA facility. He believes that regular Town Meeting attendees recognize the need for a new senior center and will support a limited project.  The Town Planner marked a town map with a circle around each suggested location showing the services available within a half mile. Council members agreed that the municipal pad is the best location for a new facility; it allows users attending the center to take care of a number of errands in a single location—grocery shopping, banking, etc. Bill agreed that renovating the existing building is the most economical option. Denise reported that many clients who come to her legal clinics are struggling financially. Bill mentioned the need to move the art center. The use of the new space in off hours for recreational activities will help to keep the votes of young parents.

## Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

### MINUTES

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The minutes of April 5, 2016 were considered.
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of April 5 (Scult/Glick).

### BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES

CAROL GLICK

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Carol Glick distributed the BayPath Board highlights for April 2016. Julie said that meetings between BayPath and COA directors are improving communication. The directors and BayPath staff are working to get approval from BayPath clients to share information with relevant COA outreach staff. The number of home-delivered meals is increasing. Wayland may go to three routes.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The committee is continuing to work on information cards. The first one has gone to Ellen Brideau for a final check. The committee is also looking into the Sudbury Initiative to learn how it affects the circuit breaker.
<b>ACTION</b>	

### FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Friends will send an appeal letter out next month. Three members will leave the board: Dave D'Orlando, Kathy Hodge, and Sonja Strong. New members will be elected at the annual meeting; they are Janie Belive, Kara Harvey, and Wade Larson. Bill would like to work more closely with the Friends to get voters to support the COA/CC.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**REVIEW OF TOWN MEETING**

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The COA budget went through without controversy. Information about COA capital expenses was sent to John Moynihan but it did not make it into the capital budget. It has been resent to Ben Keefe.</p> <p>The next step for the COA/CC is a new charge that will include PCB testing, a design firm concept, and cost estimates. The committee has sufficient money to cover these tasks. There was consensus to continue to work with Recreation representation.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Members were urged to attend one of the two WRAP forums, May 11 <sup>th</sup> or May 16 <sup>th</sup> .

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>This year, the tax work-off program had two levels of service hours, which was complicated to administer. Julie and Becky recommend a single level of 65 hours at \$10 per hour for a total of \$650 in tax write-off. The Valor program had only five participants.</p> <p>Julie has been working with Town Counsel on the contracts for the summer concert bands. Each band is different and each band may need a waiver for the town. It may be necessary to have a contract with each presenter as well, not just for instructors. The travel interest group is working with Collette Travel whose practice is to write a commission check for trip sponsors. The COA cannot accept such checks. Complications continue. Parking may be an issue for the concerts because of the work that Ameresco will be doing on the parking lot solar canopies. Ben is looking into shuttle service.</p> <p>The Volunteer Luncheon has a Kentucky Derby theme. The Veterans need a new space because of new town staff and they would like to use the Senior Center. Hearing Room 3 is now the Veterans office, computer lab, and Wayland Cares office.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the tax work-off program of 65 hours at \$10 per hour (Yurkofsky/Patterson).

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 8 am.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 9:13.

Materials handed out at the meeting

- Agenda
- Minutes of April 4, 2016
- Email from Gordon Cliff
- Conceptual Floor Plan for a Community Center  
in the Existing Building on the Municipal Pad
- BayPath Board Highlights