

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2016

8:00AM

SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair, Bill Sterling, Vice Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	COA Board Members Present: Mary Antes, Evelyn Ekmejian, Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling COA Board Members Absent: Carol Glick, Denise Yurkofsky <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord <u>Guests:</u> Jean Milburn
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of May 3, 2016 were considered.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 3 (Leifer/Patterson).

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	Bill called the meeting to order with a discussion of next steps for the COA/CC. He said the committee has done its job, especially raising awareness of the need for a larger facility for the COA. He reported on the meeting of the Board of Selectmen on the previous night. There was general agreement among the board that until the site is under town control, there is little the committee can do. Jean Milburn said that the town will get the site eventually because the developer has a contractual obligation to donate at least two plus acres. She believes the project is within striking distance and should continue to move forward. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is meeting with the town center property manager at its meeting on Thursday and is committed to the project. Julie added that the COA has approval from the MWRTA to run the COA van from passengers' homes to the town center, CVS, and the library. Jean also suggested that the COA staff meet with faith leaders to inform them of the COA services that are available to their congregants.
ACTION	There should be a series of short articles about how individuals use the COA, showing the breadth of available services and the wide range of age groups served. Suggestions include the SHINE Counselors, Pilates groups, bridge group, and the Golden Tones.

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The committee is meeting tomorrow night. Ellen Brideau will attend to give an overview of the Sudbury Initiative.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	The Friends will meet on Thursday. The focus of the meeting will be on the Lobsterfest. There is been a very good response to the appeal letter so far.
ACTION	

BOARD MEMBER EXPIRING TERMS

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The term on the COA board ends on June 30th for Nancy Leifer, Bill Sterling, and Denise Yurkofsky unless they wish to continue. Nancy expressed her desire to continue.
ACTION	Julie will check with Bill and Denise.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie reported that the volunteer luncheon was a great event; there were 80 to 85 people in attendance. With the increase in the number of people requesting meals, the number of routes has increased from two to three. That means that there are nearly 20 volunteers each week to pick up and deliver meals and make a social contact. The Ameresco presentation on the upcoming solar project was very well attended. The summer concert series is ready to roll. The Aging Mastery class is already 65 percent subscribed and the program doesn't start until September.</p> <p>Julie recently learned that MWRTA drivers can go to the door to assist clients to the bus. There will be some transportation funds returned to the town because the shuttle service did not start as early as planned.</p> <p>Julie had hoped that a tax work-off participant could drive the van since the IRS views tax work-off participants as town employees and as such they could be covered by the town's insurance policy. However the insurance company views them as volunteers who are not covered. Obviously the IRS and the insurance company don't coordinate their rulings. There might be a tax work-off participant who would be willing to coordinate the spotlight on seniors PR campaign.</p> <p>As more town departments put their applications and other documents online, older residents need more assistance from the staff to assist them to utilize electronic town government services such as water abatements.</p> <p>Julie has been invited to be on The Buzz.</p>
ACTION	Julie will talk with the MC of The Buzz.

GOLDEN TONES

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Golden Tones are looking for someone from the COA board to serve on the Golden Tones Board of Directors
ACTION	If interested, contact Barbara Sutherland.

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 8 am.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Materials handed out at the meeting

Agenda

Minutes of May 3, 2016

Letter to BOS regarding COA Gift Fund Account

Letter from Golden Tone regarding Serving on Their Board of Directors