

# Wayland Council on Aging

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7,  
2016 8:00AM

SENIOR CENTER

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Betsy Soule, Chair
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Ellen Scult
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<u>COA Board Members Present:</u> Betsy Soule, Chair; Evelyn Ekmejian, Nancy Leifer, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Bill Sterling <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Mary Antes, Carole Glick and Denise Yurkofsky <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	

### Agenda topics: Meeting Convened at 8:10 am

#### MINUTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The minutes of October 4, 2016 were considered.
<b>ACTION</b>	It was moved, seconded, unanimously voted to approve the minutes (Patterson/Sterling).

#### BAY PATH

EVELYN EKMAJIAN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Evelyn Ekmejian was voted in as a member at large. Christine Alessandro received an award at the meeting. Bay Path is experiencing a budget deficit with revenues being down. They are allowing the staff to be reduced by attrition.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There is a strong movement in the legislature which is looking at options to increase income limit for eligibility for tax relief for veterans and the elderly. Tax relief cards are being distributed.
<b>ACTION</b>	

#### QUEST FOR SPACE

BILL STERLING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The selectmen received and appreciated Bill Sterling's letter trying to reinvigorate actions to find space solutions for the COA. The selectmen have been unable to get the developer to the table to transfer the land to the Town of Wayland. The Fin Com met and is now focused on the library moving forward. That may cost 25 million, with 18 million paid from the Town. We would like to see funds for the Senior Center, even if it is for a renovation plan instead of new construction. The people on the original COA/Community Center committee are waiting to be re-assigned, their terms have expired. We still need closure on the land first.
<b>ACTION</b>	The Friends of the COA will write a letter to the selectmen to keep the pressure on. We need to motivate the seniors to be more active in pushing the community center and to be present at BOS meetings. We need to educate the population on all the services provided by the COA. We should enlist the help of the recreation committee to help create a community center.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There is a wait list for the SHINE program and seniors are being referred to Needham and Framingham. There are currently 15 – 18 on the wait list. Because space is so limited space needs to be staggered and
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	<p>some exercise classes and better balance have been held in the library. Parking has been crazy with the construction. Early voting was much more involved than originally anticipated and the lack of signage had people asking the COA where they should go. The computer lab had been taken for storage during the early voting period but that issue was finally resolved. The Holiday Shop is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>. In December, also there is scheduled a holiday luncheon, bell ringers, and an afternoon tea. The Aging Mastery program has full enrollment. Some grants may be available from Bay Path, Metrowest Health Care and the Cultural Council. The COA will do some grant brainstorming. Recycling will be held again at the Middles School and the lacrosse team will help people carry their monitors, computers, etc.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	

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**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 8 am.
<b>ACTION</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.