

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

8:00AM

2ND FLOOR SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:08am

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BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of January 3, 2017 were reviewed. The November 7, 2016 minutes were reviewed and corrected; the note taker was changed to Ellen Scult.
ACTION	The minutes of January 3, 2017 were approved unanimously (Leifer/Patterson). The minutes of November 7, 2016 were approved as corrected (Leifer/Patterson).

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE RE. ALTERNATIVE USES OF LIBRARY BUILDING

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Selectman Cherry Karlson said there are issues related to the current library building that she thought should be resolved before exploring the building's reuse. The first is a legal issue. One of the deeds to the property specifies its use as a library. To resolve this issue will require a declaratory judgment by a court. If the land must be used for library purposes, the question is how. The second issue is the future use of the building. She said the Selectmen would like the COA to withdraw the article until there is an answer to the first question. However, she encouraged the COA board to continue to advocate for space. Cherry reiterated that 20 Wayland must give the town the municipal parcel but there is no timeline. Discussion of the article continued later in the meeting. Denise noted that submitting the article has kept visible the COA's need for space but the board needs to keep the pressure on.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and voted to withdraw Article U from the Town Meeting warrant for the time being until we understand the legal issues raised by the will of one of the donors of the land on which the library sits and until the library receives a state grant or is placed on the waiting list for a future grant (Scult/Leifer).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: BARNRAISING FOR SENIORS

DANA AARON

DISCUSSION	Dana Aaron introduced himself and described his background. He has changed his Barn Raising program from one that assists people to find jobs into one that helps people plan their retirement. He would like to pilot the program at the COA. The program consists of activities and presentations that help participants support one another as they develop their own retirement plans. The session could be held in the evening or on a weekend, and would be limited to 24 people. Participants will end the session with a list of suggested actions but there would be no promotion or sales. Julie suggested that Wayland and Weston collaborate on the pilot. She thought the program might attract younger seniors.
ACTION	The consensus was to go ahead with the pilot program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: WALKING TRAILS AT DUDLEY WOODS

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie pointed out the email and map showing the proposed trails at Dudley Woods and asked for input.
ACTION	Based on the discussion, Julie will recommend to the Recreation Department the addition of benches along the path and, if possible, fitness stations.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION**

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	The Police Department approached Julie with a plan to initiate a Silver Alert program to locate wandering seniors typically due to Alzheimer's. Julie has been in conversations with the Fire Chief about the elder-at-risk program. Now the three departments are working on a coordinated residents-at-risk program that the COA help facilitate. Residents would have to register for the program and the information provided would go only to first responders.
ACTION	

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES REPORT

CAROL GLICK

DISCUSSION	Carol will email the minutes from the last meeting. The Baypath budget is better than anticipated.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that the tax cards have been approved by the assessors and are going to print.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE WAYLAND COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy suggested that the Friends can do something to publicize the COA's space needs. She also said that the Friends are considering a different fundraiser after having the Lobsterfest for a number of years.
ACTION	

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
NEWSLETTER/OTHER**

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Problems with the newsletter continue. The publisher's interest in sending letters to advertisers and town businesses seeking ads makes Julie uncomfortable. It would also like to print the ads in color. The contract is a five-year rolling contract that requires a one year notice to leave. The board wondered whether the newsletter could be printed in-house without advertisements. Another problem is that the Post Office can take 1½ weeks to deliver the newsletters, which means they are sometimes received after the first of the month. The proposed revolving account article states that the COA director and the board must approve expenditures. This could delay payment of bills.
ACTION	Denise knows a civic-minded printer that she will talk with about printing the newsletter. Julie will also look into in-house publication. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to authorize the COA director to set fees and pay bills for all programs without further authorization and to report to the board monthly (Yurkofsky/Scult)

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 8 am. Gordon Cliff will be invited to attend.
ACTION	The meeting was adjourned at 9:31.

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- January 3, 2017 and November 7, 2016 Minutes
- Copy of Proposed TM Article to Appropriate Funds for a Feasibility Study of Alternative Use of Town Library Building
- Barnraising for Seniors Proposal Flyer and Related Materials
- Email re: Trail Design for Dudley Woods and Layout