

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2017

8:00AM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOM

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, Bill Sterling, Denise Yurkofsky COA Board Members Absent: Carol Glick <u>Director:</u> Julie Secord
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 8:05am

MINUTES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The minutes of March 7, 2017 were reviewed.
ACTION	The minutes of March 7, 2017 were approved unanimously (Yurkofsky/Patterson).

BAYPATH ELDER SERVICES REPORT

EVELYN EKMEJIAN

DISCUSSION	Evelyn reported that there will be no interruption in delivering Meals on Wheels (MOW) because the program is largely funded by the state, not through a community development block grant. However, the company that prepares the food has to move out of its current location. The company prepares 2,500 meals each day. Julie noted that no mention was made of the directors' discussion about training MOW's drivers to be medical observers. This program might be an additional source of revenue.
ACTION	

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie reported that the committee did not meet last month but will meet next Wednesday.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

NANCY LEIFER

DISCUSSION	Nancy said the Friends are considering a Jimmy Tingle comedy show on September 25 th rather than another Lobster Fest. It will probably be held in a school auditorium; more information is needed before a final decision is made. Denise reminded the board that it was suggested at the last meeting that the Friends be asked to fund someone to do PR for the COA's space needs.
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	<p><i>Procedural Changes:</i> The department is trying to do away with cash. Instead it is offering Fit Bucks, a packet of five tickets for drop-in exercise programs at a cost of \$15.</p> <p><i>Medical Equipment:</i> To better manage medical equipment, the COA will only accept donations of equipment of specific days. The staff is going through all of the equipment stored in the Public Safety Building, keeping the best and donating the remaining useful equipment to Wheels for the World. Eventually all the equipment will have a scan code to better track it.</p> <p><i>Program Overview/Interdepartmental Collaboration:</i> Post Office difficulties continue to delay receipt of the newsletter. The COA and Wayland Historical Society are collaborating on Spaces and Places, scheduled for April 30th in the large hearing room. The COA is collaborating with the library's Wayland Reads by arranging for a bus to take residents to SoWa, Boston's art district on May 7th.</p> <p><i>Risk Management:</i> The steps exiting the large hearing room are beginning to crumble and there is still no railing. There are more soft spots in the floor in the COA. Town staff has been discussing safety issues</p>
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	<p>should someone enter the building intending to cause harm. Most offices now have key pad entries but there is no way to close off a hallway. There are questions about evacuating vs sheltering in place and responsibility for those participating in COA activities throughout the building.</p> <p>The SECURE program will be launched in May. The "elder at risk" list will change to "residents at risk" list to help first responders understand situations they may encounter when responding to a call. Julie chairs a staff committee (Police, Fire, Health, Assessors) that is working with Clear Path to educate staff about hoarding issues.</p> <p>COA staff will be on "The Buzz" talking about MOW and SHINE</p>
ACTION	

TOWN MEETING UPDATE

MARY ANTES

DISCUSSION	<p>Mary summarized Town Meeting, focusing on the library article. There was a lively discussion on the cost to the town of construction of a new library, although there was no cost to the article voted on (to accept a grant if awarded). The article ultimately passed. There was also discussion of the use of the existing building. This led to a consensus that the COA should make known its preferences for a new location and not be pushed into accepting space that is not suitable.</p>
ACTION	

TOPICS NOT ANTICIPATED

DENISE YURKOFSKY

DISCUSSION	<p>Denise said the head of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs has made a video about dementia to help train staff to work better with people with dementia. Julie has seen the film.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 8 am.</p>
ACTION	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:14.</p>

Materials handed out at the meeting:

- Agenda
- March 7, 2017 Minutes
- BayPath Board Highlights, March 2017
- Article: Impact of President Trump's FY '18 Budget Blueprint on Elders in MA
- Article: Trump Proposes Eliminating All Funds for Popular Health Counseling Program for Seniors in MA
- Wayland COA News, April 2017