



Town of Wayland Massachusetts

Minutes

Council on Aging /Community Center Advisory Committee

February 12, 2015

Present: Frank Krasin, Jean Milburn, Steve Correia, Bill Sterling. BOS member, Cherry Karlson.

Ex Officio: Julie Secord, Ben Keefe

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07 p.m.

No Public Comment.

Bill Sterling distributed copies of the site plan/ The group discussed how the site plan could be made easy to read for inclusion in the Spring TM warrant. Can we include information about access to the Rail Trail?. Yes. Since the interior divisions in the existing building do not represent an actual plan, perhaps only the perimeter should be shown? Should we include a map that shows Route 20 so that citizens understand where the building is located? Yes.

Frank moved that we accept the site plan. Steve made the second. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Carol Martin is working on a draft of the article.

Jean reported that she continues to call COA offices in our peer towns, trying to collect data to compare to Wayland. It is a slow process. She described some of the data that she has collected. In Wayland, we have less than one square foot of space per citizen eligible for COA services. The department's budget has been nearly flat for a decade. Interest in using the COA increased in the year that Julie Secord arrived. Participation in programs is significantly curtailed by the small size of the space. Jean distributed some data shared by the State Office of Elder Affairs. It was a chart describing outcomes in a group of towns that built larger COA facilities, in each case, demand for programs increased dramatically. Jean also reported that she has not found a good way to benchmark the recreation facilities. Each town has a unique "patchwork" of facilities with blended services. The professional associations offer no data.

Steve Correia talked about how having a youth hang-out location in the recreation building could be a nice service. He's seen good teen facilities elsewhere.

Ben departed to another meeting.

Julie was invited to tell us what, if any, data she wanted to display in COA for the information of seniors. A copy of the warrant article and a map should suffice.

Frank Krasin asked Bill Sterling if the proposed addition could have a second story. Yes.

Bill moved that we adjourn. Jean seconded the motion. All voted in favor 4-0.

Submitted by Jean Milburn



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