

Wayland Council on Aging

MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2023

4:00 PM

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

FACILITATOR	Betsy Soule, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Mary Antes, Secretary
ATTENDEES	<u>COA Board Members Participating Remotely:</u> Mary Antes, Carol Glick (4:15), Frank Kennedy, Becky Patterson, Ellen Scult, Betsy Soule, Bill Sterling, and Julie Secord <u>COA Board Members Absent:</u> Denise Yurkofsky <u>Guests:</u>
PUBLIC COMMENT	

Agenda Topics: Meeting Convened at 4:01pm

CALL TO ORDER

BETSY SOULE

DISCUSSION	Betsy called the meeting to order at 4:01pm by roll call and reviewed the agenda.
ACTION	

COA/COMMUNITY CENTER

BILL STERLING

DISCUSSION	Bill reported that the Planning Board (BP) is expected to approve the project at its meeting on Wednesday, August 9 th , the last hurdle. He feels that he and the abutters are mostly happy with the decision. Facilities Director, Ben Keefe, expects to file the bid documents on Friday. Both Bill and Ben thanked the Town Manager (TM), Michael McCall, for bringing the process to closure. If the Town has a fall Town Meeting, Bill thinks an article might be filed to request additional funds in case the bids come in above the appropriation. Frank thanked Bill for his perseverance and hard work getting the development to this stage. Bill added that Julie put her heart and soul into the project.
ACTION	

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DISCUSSION	The minutes of June 15, 2023 were reviewed.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve the minutes of June 15, 2023 (Kennedy/Scult). (Antes, Kennedy, Patterson, Scult, Sterling, 5 Yeas).

SENIOR TAX RELIEF

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie said the committee will meet quarterly, starting in October. It is fully populated and Susan Ruffo is chair.
ACTION	

FRIENDS OF THE COA

FRANK KENNEDY

DISCUSSION	There was no quorum at the last scheduled meeting, July 18 th .
ACTION	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULIE SECORD

DISCUSSION	Julie noted that the Friends are supporting the production of Shakespeare in the Park to be held on September 30 th . There still is no department assistant; the COA has been without a full-time assistant for more than a year. Programs and Services are very busy. The Outreach Coordinator is dealing with so many
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	<p>confidential requests that it was decided she should take over the conference space next to Julie's office. TM McCall is looking for new confidential space for the up-coming Medicare and SHINE appointments. There will be four SHINE counselors this year.</p> <p>The grants the COA has received are moving lots of people to many places in taxis. These funds will end on December 31st unless the money runs out before the end of the year. The staff is continuing to work on other collaborative transportation grants. One Springwell grant is still active.</p> <p>The Town is piloting a four-day work week for some departments and personnel. The COA will not be affected since it has an exercise, food, and other programs on Fridays. Since the pilot started on fairly short notice, there was some confusion the first Friday.</p> <p>Both Ellen and Carol have been reappointed to the COA board. Frank noted that Evelyn is still listed as a board member on the Town's website.</p>
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12 th at 4pm via Zoom.
ACTION	It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting (Sculpt/Patterson). (Antes, Glick, Kennedy, Patterson, Sculpt, Sterling, 6 Yeas). The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

Materials handed out at the meeting:
 Agenda and Minutes of June 5, 2023