

Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Approved unanimously by COA at
May 8, 2018 meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.

Present: Director Sue Doherty, Chairperson Pete Lincoln, Jacquelyn Dwyer, Betty DiGiacomo, Sarah Grant, Diane Nowd, Jane Rabbitt, Brian Guenard, Deb Lincoln, Judy Tarbell, Kevin McNally

Absent: none

GUESTS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. Lincoln explained that Vice Chair Jacquelyn Dwyer would run today's meeting citing that Mr. Lincoln had laryngitis. Ms. Grant commented on the new furniture in Bucky's Corner. Ms. Doherty added that an older chair Edie Gay donated complements the set. Mr. Lincoln was able to express his opinion that the Boston Post Cane ceremony was "terrific."

MINUTES APPROVAL: Judy Tarbell commented that her name was left off the absent list of the last meeting. Ms. DiGiacomo moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting as amended, Mr. Lincoln seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lincoln also asked about the Yellow Dot Program. Ms. Doherty showed the board the materials used for the program and gave a brief description. Ms. Dwyer stressed the importance of Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) forms, which is a list that must be printed on bright pink paper, signed by a physician, which describes a person's preference to treatment under life-threatening circumstances. Ms. Dwyer also said she'd would serve on the Montachusett Home Care Board of Directors, and would be sending a copy of her resume to Ms. Doherty.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Director's Report:

- **Formula Grant Update:** Ms. Doherty reported that she received an update from the MCOA, and was given a scale of potential outcomes on the amount of the FY19 Formula Grant. A cut was deemed "unlikely," level funding at \$9.70 per elder was also deemed "unlikely," \$11 per elder – "possible," \$11.70 per elder – "likely," and the originally proposed \$12 per elder was deemed "possible."
- **Board Member Term Renewal:** Mr. Guenard told the board he would not request to be reappointed for another term. Mr. Lincoln said he would check the talent bank forms at Town Hall. Mrs. Lincoln thanked Mr. Guenard for serving on the board.
- **Montachusett Home Care:** Ms. Doherty informed the board that MHC has been sending donation requests that are marked "invoice," for many years, even though MHC is state funded. Ms. Doherty said she has replied to the request with a letter stating that the COA budget wouldn't allow for a donation to the agency in the past. Ms. Doherty informed the Executive Office of Elder Affairs ombudsman Sherri Sore about the letters. A letter was sent to MHC, and MHC responded saying they would remove the term "invoice" from future donation requests, realizing it may be confusing to new directors. Ms. Doherty said she knows of at least one senior center that has been paying the "invoice" out of their COA budget. Ms. Doherty pointed out that having someone from the Lunenburg COA on the board at MHC would help

learn more about the inner workings of the agency. Ms. Doherty also provided an update on the last Elder-at-risk she reported. A clean-up crew was sent to the house at the homeowner's expense, and although the house looks to be in better condition, it could use a more thorough cleaning, according to Outreach Coordinator Pauline Roy, who visited the residence.

- **Tri Town Landing Proposed Senior Housing:** Ms. Doherty reported the developers have gone before the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, but there's been no other information on the project.
- **Age/Dementia Friendly Community:** Ms. Doherty will be attending a seminar on age and dementia friendly communities on May 25, 2018.
- **SNAP:** Ms. Doherty reported that the town was reimbursed \$75.00 for the COA effort on SNAP. The program has not turned out to be as popular as originally anticipated. Ms. Doherty did discover that the rules for reimbursement have relaxed since the program started, so there may be a greater return after the next quarterly report is submitted.
- **MART Report:** no report
- **Building Report:** Ms. Doherty talked about the new furniture she picked out with Marie Burchfield, which was paid for by the Eagle House Supporters.
- **Upcoming Events:** Ms. Doherty went over upcoming May events at the Eagle House.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: none

BOARD COMMENT: Ms. Lincoln thanked the office staff for being warm and welcoming to Eagle House guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. DiGiacomo moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Mr. Lincoln seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

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