

Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

Approved unanimously by COA at
June 12, 2018 meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Brian Guenard

GUESTS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Doherty announced that Ms. Dwyer's nomination to the Montachusett Home Care Board of Directors was accepted.

An article proposing to change the title of Outreach Worker to Outreach Coordinator, and to increase the salary by one step was passed at Annual Town Meeting, and will take effect on July 1, 2018.

Ms. Doherty was contacted by the Duxbury COA to become a representative for the Montachusett Region to the Massachusetts Councils on Aging.

Ms. Doherty also informed the board that longtime, Eagle House Supporters member and volunteer Sue Cioffi was in a car accident, but is doing OK, and is in a rehabilitation facility in Worcester.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Ms. DiGiacomo moved to approve minutes from the April 10, 2018 COA meeting, Ms. Dwyer seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Director's Report:

- **Board Member Term Renewal:** Ms. DiGiacomo and Ms. Lincoln's reappointment forms have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen. One seat on the board will be officially vacant as of July 1, 2018.
- **COA Volunteer Appreciation Cookout Date:** The date has been set for Friday, September 7, 2018. Awards will be handed out at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Doherty will ask the Lunenburg Police and Fire Departments if they'll cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Mr. Lincoln volunteered to obtain a Tony the Tiger award for the volunteer with the most hours.
- **Tri-Town Landing Proposed Senior Housing:** No report.
- **Age/Dementia Friendly Community:** Ms. Doherty and Ms. Rabbitt will attend an informational meeting on Age/Dementia Friendly Communities on May 25, 2018. Ms. Doherty also commented that the monthly Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group hasn't been well attended, and will begin hosting a "Memory Café" in September, which features speakers, and will need sponsors. Ms. Rabbitt added that the time of day the event takes place could affect attendance.
- **SNAP:** Ms. Doherty attended a mandatory meeting for SNAP, and there was no new information to report.
- **MART:** No report.
- **Building Report:** With Formula Grant funds, Ms. Doherty purchased a new bench for the front of the building, and ordered new chairs for the porch. She is also talking

with the Eagle House Supporters about purchasing a retractable awning to shade the new bench, as well as paying to have mulch sprayed around the bushes on the property. Also, DPW workers are going to install new doors for the closets in the main function room. Ms. Doherty also reported that she purchased a new cart that holds janitorial supplies for the property tax work-off person who cleans the building.

- Ms. Doherty also informed the board that Meal Site Manager Joanne Brazell has given her notice and will step down to on-call status as of July 1, 2018. Ms. Doherty is waiting for approval from the Town Manager to advertise the opening, as she has also requested to move Kitchen Assistant Judy Alario's salary over to the Formula Grant in order to hire one Meal Site Manager to work four days, 19.5 hours per week.
- **Upcoming Events:** Ms. Doherty highlighted upcoming events for May 2018.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Longtime Eagle House Supporters members Bill and Amy Leet made a \$1,000 donation to the COA Gift Fund. Ms. Doherty spoke with the Leets and sent a Thank You note.

BOARD COMMENT: Ms. Grant commented that all who rode the COA van to the Art in Bloom exhibit at the Fitchburg Art Museum had a great time, and hopes that can happen again at next year's show. Ms. Rabbitt suggested holding a Kentucky Derby themed party next year. Ms. Grant added that she could do a derby craft class.

Ms. Rabbitt also suggested holding an Olympic-type event with Bocci, horse shoes, cribbage, Wii, and other popular Eagle House activities.

Ms. Lincoln informed the board that Lunenburg Public Access has submitted their film featuring Eagle House volunteer Elsa Watson to a film contest, and the film made it to the finals.

Ms. Nowd commented that the Bridges Together program is going very well, and hopes there will be more interest in the fall in order to open the program to all the fifth grade classes.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

ADJOURNMENT Ms. DiGiacomo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m., Ms. Dwyer seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting: Annual Meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

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