

Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM

Present: Director Susan Doherty, Chairperson Deb Lincoln, Barbara Brown, Jim McGuigan, Susan O'Sullivan, Diane Nowd, Peter Lincoln, Betty DiGiacomo, Jane Rabbitt, Vice Chairperson.

Guests: Lou Franco Select Board member, Marilyn Talley Eagle House Supporters.

Absent: Judy Tarbell, Cheryl Moisan, Jacquelyn Dwyer.

Announcements: No announcements.

Minutes Approval: Mr. Lincoln motioned to accept minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting. Ms. O'Sullivan seconded. On vote motion carried unanimously.

Current Business:

1. The Lunenburg Business Association will assist the COA with developing a new logo for the Eagle House Senior Community Center.
2. Members of the COA were asked to do a final review of the new COA Board Member Orientation packet. We will vote on accepting the packet at the next COA meeting.
3. Boston Post Cane recipient. Ms. Doherty has not yet been able to reach the next recipient on the list.
4. The Volunteer/ Legislative Breakfast will be held on Monday October 31, 2022 @ 9 am. The breakfast will be co-sponsored by the Eagle House Supporters and Senator Cronin and the \$100,000.00 check for the new patio and recreation area will be presented there by Senator Cronin. Discussed ways to increase participation in the Volunteer Appreciation event. Catering the breakfast will be tried this year. Also giving small gift certificates to volunteers to Dunkin Donuts was suggested.
5. A Veteran's Expo is being planned by the Lunenburg Veteran's Officer and hopefully will take place in April, 2023. This event provides information on services available to Veterans.
6. There are still tickets available for the Annual High Tea and Mercantile.
7. Continued discussion of how to get younger people to participate in events in the evening and possibly once a month for entertainment on Saturdays.

Director's Report:

1. Council on Aging Finance Update: Ms. Doherty presented the Council on Aging Finance Update. This will also be presented at the next Board of Select Persons meeting. The FY23 State Formula Grant Funds including FY22 Surplus is \$42,306.31.
2. Capital Plan: The new roof on the new addition should be complete by the end of November or early December. The Eagle House has been painted. The current outdoor space is not ADA compatible. The plan for the new patio was presented. Representative Cronin secured \$100,000.00 from the state for construction of this patio. \$100,000.00 has also been included in the Capital Plan for this project.
3. Upcoming Events: The Volunteer/Legislator Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for October 31, 2022 at 9 AM. Also scheduled is the High Tea and Mercantile on Monday October 24, 2022 at

11.00 AM, the Floral Arrangement Class on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM, the Pollinator Presentation by Ginny Albertson on Monday October 17, 2022 at 1:00PM, and the monthly Memory Café on October 28, 2022 in addition to regularly scheduled events.

Eagle House Supporters Report:

1. Ms. Talley reported that The Eagle House Supporters Fundraiser with the Epilepsy Foundation has been postponed until next April.
2. She also would like to establish a subcommittee for fundraising.

Notices and Communications: None.

Board Comment:

From, the September Board Meeting discussion, Mr. Lincoln questioned whether we should publish information regarding Senior Tax Relief as the Tax Relief proposal is in its early stages. Selectman Franco will report to COA on progress toward this goal.

Adjournment: At 11:45 AM, Mr. Lincoln motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. DiGiacomo seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Eagle House.