

**Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023**

Minutes Approved at 11/14/2023 COA Meeting

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Deb Lincoln called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

PRESENT Deb Lincoln (Chairperson), Susan Doherty (Director), Pete Lincoln, Diane Nowd, Betty DiGiacomo, Jim McGuigan, Cathy Beale, Lou Franco, Helen Balcom, Jane Rabbitt & Michele Beauvais.

EXCUSED Judy Tarbell, Susan O'Sullivan & George Martin

GUESTS - Lou Franco, Lunenburg Selectperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS The passing of Jim Hayes was announced. The board observed a moment of silence in his honor.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES APPROVAL Ms. Lincoln motioned to approve the September 12, 2023 minutes & Ms. DiGiacomo seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Potential LAAC Recreation Area Programs

Ms. Lincoln asked COA Board members to think of new program ideas for the newly improved recreation area. She also thanked Helen Balcom, Pete & Susan Doherty, & Bob Hamel for spreading mulch. Ms. Rabbitt suggested having Bocce tournaments. Ms. Balcom suggested having band concerts at the new outdoor pavilion. She will contact Kathy Herrick to discuss further.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **100 Club** - Mario Patacchiola is turning 100 in December. Plans are being made to induct him into the club.
2. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** - Wednesday October 11 @ noon. The Dogfather Hotdog truck & the Sunshine Boys will be available for the ceremony.
3. **Lunenburg Master Plan** – The Facebook page is not available yet. The website should be up and running at the end of the week.
4. **Lunenburg Senior Tax Relief** – No update
5. **Council on Aging Board Members Town Email** Ms. Lincoln & Ms. Rabbitt will contact Mr. Nadeski with any ongoing email issues.
6. **Lunenburg 300th Celebration** – We are currently still in the planning stages.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Capital Plan – The Facilities Manager reported to Ms. Doherty via email that he is working with coordinating with Monty Tech on a schedule. They have cabinet students available but not carpentry. The generator is ready to send out to bid. However, we are still waiting on the Town Manager for final review. The roof is also ready to send out to bid. Currently, waiting on Assistant Town Manager for final review.
- Building & Grounds Report – Tables & chairs are on the way for the grand opening of the pavilion. We had an overabundance of sod left over from the pavilion project. It was used to dress up the area in between the LAAC & Kids Kingdom. Discussions were made to have a small brick wall over by the Pollinator Garden. Ms Doherty will contact a local brick mason for ideas. A sign has been ordered, thanking the major donors to the patio project.
- Upcoming Events –
- **UFO's & Spy Balloons** is scheduled for Friday 10/13/23.
- **Spice Club of the Month** continues to meet the first Monday of the month.
- **Brain Health Presentation** will be on November 6
- **Pickle Ball** will resume again at TC Passios beginning on 11/3/23.
- **Artificial Intelligence** – We will be having a meeting on 11/20/23. This is a meeting to discuss & understand new technology.
- **History of Fort Devens** – The Historical Society will have a program on the History of Fort Devens. This will be on Friday 11/17/23 @ 1:00.
- **Memory Training**- Pauline Roy will start a memory-training program on 11/27. This will be a 3-4 week program.

EAGLE HOUSE SUPPORTERS REPORT No report

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD COMMENT Mr. Lincoln commented that Chris Ruth was a gem. He greatly appreciated his efforts regarding the cupola.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Digiacomio seconded the motion. All approved and the motion was carried.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE Tuesday, November 14, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM

***MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY:**

If the COA board is unable to meet on the regularly scheduled 2nd Tuesday of the month, the meeting will be rescheduled to the following Tuesday.

