

Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Pete Lincoln called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: Pete Lincoln (Chairperson), Susan Doherty (Director) Jacquelyn Dwyer, Jane Rabbitt, Debbie Lincoln, Brian Guenard, Diane Nowd, Betty DiGiacomo, Kevin McNally, and Cheryl Moisan.

Absent: Sarah Grant, Judy Tarbell.

GUESTS: Cheryl Aubuchon, Eagle House Supporters, Michelle Belleza, Director Lunenburg Boys and Girls Club, Jim Breault, Lunenburg DPW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Ms. DiGiacomo motioned to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting, Mr. Guenard seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion regarding volunteer painting of the Eagle House with Jim Breault of the DPW:** Mr. Breault explained that he attended the meeting to answer any questions the board may have on lead paint removal certification requirements, but also stated that he has to consult people on the state level to determine whether the Eagle House could be exempt from the lead paint removal process considering there are no bedrooms in the building. Mr. Guenard asked if anyone knew when the last time the Eagle House was painted, and suggested that the building be tested for lead before declaring that a lead removal certificate would be needed. Mr. Breault explained that the Eagle House also has rotting wood, rake boards, and flashing that needs to be replaced. Mr. Lincoln asked if the building could be repainted without removing the old layers of paint, and also asked about power washing the addition. Mr. Breault said that there shouldn't be any lead paint on the addition, and that he would check with the state on what to do about the lead paint on the older part of the building.
- 2. Use of upper parking lot:** Ms. Doherty explained that Ms. Belleza was approached by Town Manager Kerry Lafleur, and Selectman Tom Alonzo, who told her that the parking lot between the teen center and the Eagle House should be used as a play area so the parking lot outside the teen center could be used for municipal parking. Ms. Doherty and the COA, and Ms. Belleza agree that the middle parking lot would be a better location for municipal parking because of the handicap accessible ramp that leads to the Eagle House from the middle parking lot, and the lot outside the teen center would be best for a play area because of its proximity to the teen center and their outdoor basketball hoop. Ms. Belleza explained that there are 175 children that come through the teen center on a daily basis, and that those children need a place to run and play. Mrs. Lincoln motioned to write a letter voicing the COA's support of the teen center to use the lot outside their building as a play area, and to use the middle parking lot as municipal parking. Mr. McNally seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Uptown Stroll:** The Uptown Stroll will take place on May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Historical Society, Boys and Girls Club, Lunenburg Public Library, and the COA will be participating. The COA will host Sheriff Evangilitis's Mobile Command Unit, and retina scans for children and adults will be given. The Lunenburg Lions Club will cook hamburgers and hot dogs, and the Eagle House Supporters will be holding a bake sale. The Bocce and Shuffleboard court will hopefully be utilized, and the community garden should be finished by the time the Uptown Stroll takes place. Ms. Dwyer volunteered to develop a logo for the stroll.
- 4. COA Term Limits:** Ms. Doherty said that she still has not heard back from the Selectmen's office about the deadline to apply for reappointment to the COA. Ms. DiGiacomo nominated Mr. Lincoln, Jane Rabbitt, Judy Tarbell, Kevin McNally, and Jacquelyn Dwyer for reappointment to the COA. Mr. Guenard seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.
- 5. MART Van:** Ms. Doherty reported that MART has received the title to the van that is currently being used by the COA to transport the town's elders and disabled. Ms. Doherty informed the COA that the town could keep the van in MART's ownership, or MART could release an older van from its fleet for the town to keep, and maintain. Ms. Doherty explained that MART currently funds all repairs and maintenance of the van. The COA agreed to keep the van under MART's ownership, and not take on the expense of maintaining, or replacing the vehicle in the future.
- 6. Discussion building use/name change:** Names discussed were the Eagle House Senior and Community Center, and Senior Community Center at the Eagle House: A center for healthy aging and community well-being. Ms. Dwyer volunteered to develop a new logo to go with a new name.
- 7. Discussion on re-opening the Eagle House on Fridays:** No progress.
- 8. Director's Report:**

 - **FY17 Budget Meeting with Finance Committee:** Ms. Doherty reported that the FY17 COA budget was approved by the Finance Committee.
 - **Property Tax Work-Off Committee:** Ms. Doherty reported that all positions have been filled.
 - **Are You Okay Program:** Ms. Doherty reported that the computer equipment for the Are You Okay program should be arriving soon, and that pamphlets have been printed for the program. Ms. Doherty and COA Outreach Coordinator Faith Anderson will be meeting with surrounding COAs to get them into the program..
 - **Community Book Read:** Ms. Doherty reported that the movie based on the book I Am Malala was well attended at the library.
 - **Survey Monkey:** Ms. Doherty reported that an online survey has been posted on the Eagle House Facebook page, and five people have completed the survey so far.

- **Building Report:**

- The Eagle Scout Project Community Garden: The front office is currently taking donations, and raffling off a quilt made by Marge Cannon to support the cost of the raised garden beds.
- Eagle House Recreation Area: Mr. Lincoln reported that the shuffleboard court will be ready after it's settled, and when the volunteer crew is ready to finish it.
- Handicap push button door openers: The buttons have been installed.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 a.m. Ms. DiGiacomo motioned to adjourn, Ms. Dwyer seconded, on vote motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Koeck