

Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

Approved unanimously at the April 9,
2019 COA meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Jane Rabbitt, Kevin McNally, Barbara Brown

GUESTS: Eagle House Supporters Liaison Marie Burchfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Lincoln announced the 2018 World Series Trophy would be coming to the Eagle House on April 7, 2019 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Ms. DiGiacomo moved to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting, Ms. Dwyer seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion about prior comments regarding the Bridges Together program took place. Ms. Lincoln added that she was at the Eagle House on a day the Lunenburg Friendly Seniors met, and found Memorial Dr. to be impassable because so many cars were parked on both sides of the road. Mr. Lincoln inquired how to get more information on the Commonwealth sponsored Complete Streets program. Ms. Doherty said the Town Manager would have more information on the subject. Ms. Moisan commented that many people from the stitch and chat group parked their cars at the library the day the Friendly Seniors met. Ms. Doherty commented Memorial Dr. is too narrow, and something has to be done, but it should be done as a part of a total town plan.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Director's Report:

- **Meeting with Board of Selectmen Tuesday March 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.:** Ms. Doherty reported she'd give a presentation to the Selectmen about the progress the Eagle House has made so far this fiscal year. The presentation will include attendance stats, use of the building by outside groups, the Memory Café, as well as the progress of Dementia Friendly Lunenburg, and that the World Series Trophy is coming to the Eagle House.
- **Bridges Together:** Ms. Nowd reported that the program is in week 3, and the teachers are engaging with all the groups, the students are well prepared, and that she's very proud of the teachers. Ms. Doherty added that Outreach Coordinator Pauline Roy did well with the training session for the teachers and seniors to get them all on the same page.
- **Finance Committee Meeting:** Ms. Doherty went before the Finance Committee on February 21, 2019 to present the COA budget. Ms. Doherty said the presentation was short, and that it went well.
- **Dementia Friendly Community:** Ms. Doherty reported that a questionnaire on dementia is being mailed out with the second quarter tax bills, and that Unitil, and neighborhood banks have committed to participating in the dementia friendly training program in the future.

- **Memory Café Grant:** Ms. Doherty reported that the grant checks totaling \$5,000 from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts have been received.
- **Shuffleboard Court:** Mr. Lincoln reported he's hiring a former student who has become a good carpenter, and he is confident that he can finish the project.
- **Building Report:** No report
- **Upcoming Events:** Ms. Doherty gave a brief description of events scheduled for April.

EAGLE HOUSE SUPPORTERS REPORT: Ms. Lincoln reported the new TV is in and ready to use. Donation envelopes have been edited and distributed to area funeral homes. There are ten volunteers who have committed to working at the World Series Trophy event. In-memory donations to the Eagle House Supporters will now be recorded in a book, and then recognized in an annual document to be inserted in the Eagle House newsletter in the summer. The 50/50 raffle drawn at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon brought in \$200 for the Supporters. The Eagle House Supporters Facebook page has been launched. A 50/50 raffle and bake sale has been scheduled to coincide with the Lunenburg Police sponsored car show on June 12, 2019. Letters are going out in May for Eagle House Supporter membership renewal.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Lincoln informed the board that term limits are up for Mr. Lincoln, Ms. Rabbitt, Ms. Tarbell, Ms. Dwyer, and Mr. McNally this year.

BOARD COMMENT : none

PUBLIC COMMENT none

ADJOURNMENT Ms. DiGiacomo motioned to adjourn at 10:29 a.m., Ms. Dwyer seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.