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Lunenburg Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023

Unanimously approved by COA at July
18, 2023 meeting.

**LUNENBURG TOWN
CLERK OFFICE**

CALL TO ORDER: 9:33 a.m.

Present: Director Sue Doherty, Chairperson Deb Lincoln, Vice-Chairperson Jane Rabbitt, Pete Lincoln, Judy Tarbell, Cathy Beale, Jim McGuigan, Susan O'Sullivan, Helen Balcom, Cheryl Moisan, George Martin, Diane Nowd, Betty DiGiacomo

Absent:

GUESTS: Eagle House Supporters President Pat Kennedy, Eagle House Supporters Liaison Marilyn Talley, Select Board Member Lou Franco

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES APPROVAL: Mr. Lincoln motioned to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting. Mr. McGuigan seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MART Connects:** Ms. Doherty informed the board of a transportation program offered by MART to residents of Lunenburg, Sterling, and Lancaster. The program makes livery services available in the area to residents of all ages, seven days a week. Ms. Doherty is working with MART and the town's Finance Director to offer seniors an option to pay fare with cash. The program is funded by a year-long grant.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. **Vote to Approve FY24 COA Officers:** Mr. Lincoln motioned to accept the nominations of Deb Lincoln as chairperson, and Jane Rabbitt as Vice-Chairperson. Ms. DiGiacomo seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. **Lunenburg Master Plan:** Ms. Doherty is scheduled to meet with consultants regarding the town's master plan.
3. **Lunenburg Senior Tax Relief:** Mr. Franco reported that the legislation for Senior Tax Relief has been filed, and a hearing will be scheduled between now and February 2024.
4. **COA Board Member Orientation Packet:** Mr. Lincoln suggested further editing the COA Policies and Procedures, and also found some grammatical and typographical errors in the packet.
5. **COA Town Email:** Some members are having trouble sending messages from their account.
6. **Lunenburg 300th Celebration:** Board members discussed ways to display artwork so parents and grandparents could come to the Eagle House to see.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Capital Plan/Building and Grounds:** Facilities Manager Chris Ruth explained that the old septic system was not on the plans for the new patio being built behind the Eagle House. As a result, construction was delayed because sand dug out from the area could not be labeled as "clean material" and then removed. The Facilities Manager found a

way to keep the sand on site, and keep the project going. Ms. Doherty thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln for their monetary contribution to the patio project, and read a thank you letter expressing her appreciation.

EAGLE HOUSE SUPPORTERS REPORT: Ms. Talley reported that the clothing drive fundraiser brought in \$2,500, and the calendar raffle brought in \$2,300. Vice President of the Supporters Dave Dorren has resigned. Donna Brown will now serve as Vice President. Carolyn Poirier has stepped down as secretary, and Barbara Kolk has stepped in for that position. Ms. Talley announced that she is resigning from the board. Ms. Kennedy added that Nicole Waters, who was learning about the financial side of the Supporters, in order to take the reins from current treasurer Jim Hays, will resign the end of July. COA board members discussed with Ms. Kennedy how the board will function with the recent resignations. Ms. Doherty and Ms. Lincoln suggested the COA distance itself from the Eagle House Supporters, and drew attention to the lack of civility at some Supporters meetings. Ms. Lincoln added that the Supporters board has been dysfunctional for several years. Ms. Kennedy asked for some time to address Ms. Doherty's and Ms. Lincoln's concerns. The next Supporters meeting is scheduled for September.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD COMMENT: Ms. Rabbitt expressed concern over the status of the Eagle House Supporters. Ms. Lincoln said she'd investigate any options the COA might have regarding the Supporters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT At 11:04 a.m. Mr. Lincoln motioned to adjourn. Ms. O'Sullivan seconded. On vote, motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 18, 2023