

COA Minutes 7-18-23

5. COA Board Member Town Email: Some board members are still facing challenges sending and receiving emails.

6. Lunenburg's 300th Celebration: Ms. Lincoln asked board members to keep brain storming on ideas.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Capital Plan: Ms. Doherty is looking for suggestions regarding the FY25 Capital Plan
- Building and Grounds: Ms. Doherty gave an update on the patio project.
- Upcoming Events: Ms. Doherty has scheduled a Discovery Center event for September 13, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. So far, the Boys and Girls Club, Alzheimer's Association, and N.E.A.D.S have reserved tables to advertise their volunteer opportunities.
- Candidate search: Ms. Doherty has interviewed two people for the new part time outreach worker position, and had one interview scheduled for a potential Assistant Meal Site Manager, but that person did not attend the interview.

EAGLE HOUSE SUPPORTERS REPORT: Ms. Lincoln reported she met with Town Counsel Adam Costa, who informed her that the COA has no power over any 501(c)3, and can only stop using the organization in order to become unaffiliated. Ms. Doherty explained the group has decided to stay together and she will continue to use them. Ms. Doherty further explained that she is working on scheduling some programs focused on team building and conflict resolution in order to improve relationships among the Eagle House Supporters board members.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Lincoln received a message from a Lunenburg resident that her mother, who used to frequent the center, will be turning 100 at the end of the month. Ms. Lincoln suggested the COA hold birthday celebrations for the town's centenarians, and the board agreed. Ms. Lincoln will work on finding a date that suits both the LAAC schedule as well as the family. Mr. Lincoln motioned to have the COA recognize the town's centenarians. Mr. McGuigan seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Doherty informed the board that she has mailed out about 2,500 informational post cards advertising the LAAC's new name and new hours.

BOARD COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:40 a.m. Mr. Lincoln motioned to adjourn. Mr. McGuigan seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023

Minutes approve at 8/8/2023 COA meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 9:36 a.m.

Present: Director Sue Doherty, Chairperson Deb Lincoln, Vice Chair Jane Rabbitt, Diane Nowd, Pete Lincoln, Betty DiGiacomo, Susan O'Sullivan, Jim McGuigan, George Martin, Helen Balcom

Absent: Judy Tarbell, Cathy Beale

GUESTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Lincoln welcomed Ms. Balcom to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

MINUTES APPROVAL: Mr. Lincoln motioned to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting. Ms. DiGiacomo seconded. On vote, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cardiac Unit leaving Leominster Hospital: Ms. Lincoln informed board members that the cardiac unit is moving away from the UMass Memorial healthcare system, and those offices will now be located in Sterling and Worcester. This is an issue concerning many senior citizens in the area as Leominster is the closest hospital for many. Transportation will also be difficult for those who don't drive.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. MART Connects: Ms. Doherty talked about the grant funded program administered via MART. People of all ages in Lunenburg, Sterling, and Lancaster will be eligible for livery services in the area at a low cost. Ms. Doherty, Finance Director Karen Brochu, and Keary Connors of MART have devised a plan so seniors will be able to pay cash for their rides at the Lunenburg Adult Activity Center.
2. Master Plan Survey: Ms. Lincoln reported she attended the Master Plan meeting, and learned that Lunenburg is the third fastest growing town in Massachusetts. Ms. Lincoln informed the board the meeting has been recorded and posted on YouTube.
3. Senior Tax Relief: Ms. Doherty reported she received a letter from Town Manager Heather Lemieux that she was notified that a hearing for the Home Rule Petition regarding Senior Tax Relief has been scheduled for July 25, 2023. Written testimony may be submitted, and will be accepted by the Joint Committee from July 25, 2023 until July 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The bill number is H.3911.
4. Council on Aging Board Member Orientation Packet: another final version will be distributed at the August meeting.