

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES February 9, 2016

Present: Carolyn Bottum, Marilyn Buckler, Jack French, Ben Horne, Sally Kindleberger, Florence Montgomery, Mary Sheldon, Dot Taylor, Dilla Tingley

Minutes: The Minutes for the January 12 meeting were approved.

Calendar: Carolyn reviewed Highlights for the March calendar:

Director's Report:

Some of the COA's stand-alone educational programs are going to assume a new format in hopes of gathering a wider audience. They will be presented as a series with more audience interaction beginning in the spring.

Great Programs in January – Successful **Top of the Town** in spite of the snow. **Senior Speak** – two well-attended performances got more positive comments than any other program COA has sponsored.

The **Variety Show** was also a big success and will be repeated.

Personnel Transition: Carolyn explained the excellent coverage that has been arranged for Pam's maternity leave. We are pleased that the service cuts to **the RIDE** have been taken off the table.

Thanks to ads from the Friends of the COA as well as Lincoln cable, our **Newsletter Publishing Contract** will be renewed. Mary also got a commitment from Salon 160 that they will take an ad.

Zumba Gold classes with Katrina Rotondi are a big success and will be offered again for another session beginning in April.

Memo to Selectmen. The Board approved the memo Carolyn drafted to send to Tim Higgins and the Selectmen to remind them that we are anxious to work with them to move the **Community Center** project forward.

Committee Reports

Clinics are fine

Trips are fine.

Minuteman Senior Services has started the hiring process to replace their long-serving and very accomplished Executive Director, Joan Butler. Resumes must be submitted by March.

Housing Commission has hired Pam Gallup as a consultant to help them move forward with the push to increase affordable accessory apartments in Lincoln.

Campus Master Plan committee has finished its work and Dilla presented a copy of the **Final Report**.

It was presented to a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee on Feb 8 and accepted by both boards. It concludes that the campus can accommodate the addition of a Community Center and does not require an additional access road. It contains a lot of information about the campus and will serve as a very useful reference to the committees that will be formed to move the School and Community Center projects forward.

Other Business

The Anniversary Fair planned for April 30 at Pierce Park (rain date May 1) committee members now include Florence Boudreau, Harriet Todd, Sue Stason, Trish McGean and Sally Kindleberger.

Submitted by Dilla