

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2016

Present: Carolyn Bottum, Marilyn Buckler, Jack French, Ben Horne, Don Milan, Florence Montgomery, Donna Rizzo, Mary Sheldon, Dot Taylor, Dilla Tingley, Rob Todd

Minutes: The Minutes for the March 8 meeting were approved.

Calendar: Carolyn reviewed the highlights for the May calendar.

Director's Report: Congratulations to Mary Sheldon for getting an ad from Margot's Hair Design for our newsletter.

Basement Renovation is near completion. Thanks go to Kathy Corbin for help with paint colors, ceiling tiles and floor covering. Since CPA funds will not pay for furniture, Carolyn and Michael Haines will visit the Hanscom school that is closing to see if they might be discarding suitable furniture. Mary Sheldon has offered 2 desk chairs and the Friends have offered to purchase more furniture if needed. They have recently received a large bequest. Jim Cunningham has purchased a television screen suitable for movies.

We are grateful to Town Meeting for funding the wiring of a **generator** from Town Offices so that Bemis may function as a "comfort station" in a power outage.

40 Years of Community Fair: This is shaping up to be a phantasmic event on April 30th at Pierce House with many, many Town organizations participating

Committee Reports

Clinics: Dot gave us the following report:

Podiatry: Dr. Glen Ruhl comes twice/month to see 10 or 11 people, primarily for cutting toenails, but does give advice on other feet problems. Folks are asked to contribute \$10.

Blood Pressure: Trish McGean does 2 clinics/month, one at Bemis and one at Lincoln Woods. About 8-10 people come to Bemis and more to Lincoln Woods.

The Pierce House Trust Fund funds one podiatry and one blood pressure clinic. The Friends fund the second podiatry clinic and the Ogden Codman Trust funds the second blood pressure clinic.

Trips: Sally's Service Dog Graduation Trip was a success. The May trip will be Shaker Village in NH. The June trip will be the Butterfly Museum and Denise Bienfang (new Committee Member) is planning a cruise on the Charles River for July. A trip to the Whaling Museum in New Bedford is in the works for September and a BSO trip for October or November.

Minuteman Senior Services: The Board voted to offer the Executive Director's position to a very highly qualified candidate following a very efficient hiring process.

Housing Commission: Of great concern is that Moderate income residents of Lincoln Woods are losing their state subsidies. Mary believes that this is a state-wide cut. Apparently Tim Higgins and the Selectmen are following this and will report to us at our May meeting. It is of great concern because many senior residents there may not be able to handle the rent increase. As long as the low income subsidies are still in place, we get credit for all the units there as moderate income units.

The lawyers are holding up the bylaw draft that will allow accessory apartments to qualify for moderate income units in Town.

Campus Master Plan: Update here was covered in the joint meeting with The Friends, and we expect an informative discussion with Renel and Tim at our May Meeting.

.Shine: Don and Ann are able to handle the current client load, but Diana Chirita, a Lincoln resident who is volunteering for Shine in another community might be available if we our load increases.

Other Business:

The Ice Cream Social will be scheduled for June 9 or 16 depending on the strawberries ripening, Trish will call Verrill Farm for their opinion.

Submitted by Dilla