

JOINT MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE LINCOLN COUNCIL ON AGING
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April 12, 2016, 12:30 p.m.

Present: Carolyn Bottum, Director, FLCOA Harriet Todd, President, Carolyn Bottum, Florence Beaudry, Walter Bossert, Avram Kalisky, Patrick Lawler, Harold McAleer, Diane Nockles. Beth Ries, Susan Stason, Cheryl Wilson, Nancy Zuelke.

COA Board: Florence Montgomery, Dot Taylor, Mary Sheldon, Ben Horne, Rob Todd, Trish McGean,, Donna Rizzo, Don Milan, Dilla Tingley, Jack French.

Dot requested that the FLCOA treasurer report at the Volunteer Lunch how much is saved by volunteer work.

Carolyn asked that any copies of the Warrant and Town Report no longer needed be given to the Town Clerk.

At their meeting in May the COA Board will be meeting with Tim Higgins and Renel Fredriksen to discuss Community Center planning, staffing, and programs. The Board would like clarification of the timing of the Community Center if the schools do not have a proposal for the next Town Meeting. The town could fund both projects on their own but we would be able to afford a better school with state funding. Both projects need support from each group to proceed.

Claire Gerstein is fitting in well providing assistance with social work issues. Marilyn Levis is providing 20/wk doing administrative work. Her salary is paid through a state agency which may try to move her to another position after 1 year. We will try to appeal this move but we will also request a 20/wk administrative staff person at the next town meeting.

Carolyn presented a list of social services and programing which she hopes to continue. One of the biggest issues is housing needs. The state has dropped the Housing Trust program which subsidizes moderate income housing at Lincoln Wood making it difficult to provide housing for some families. This impacts seniors throughout the state. We may want to bring in our state representative to discuss this.

Dilla pointed out that Minuteman Senior Services has a program "By Your Side" that assists seniors not eligible for expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zuelke