

MINUTES  
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2016

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

Guest: Harriet Todd, Treasurer FLCOA

**Minutes:** The Minutes for the May 10 meeting were approved.

**FLCOA Budget** –Harriet Todd reviewed the budget for FY 2017. They are financially sound – membership dues are up and investments at Fidelity have done well. They purchased an ad in the bulletin to enable us to keep publishing. The Board expressed gratitude for all they do for the COA in Lincoln.

**Calendar:** Highlights for the July and August calendars were reviewed.

**Director's Report:**

**Grand Opening of the Bemis Basement** –hereafter to be called **Bemis Below**. A few folks turned up for the festive ribbon-cutting (superbly accomplished by Renel Fredrikson and Dot Taylor) of our fine new space.

**Working with Difficult People.** Claire Gerstein has a special expertise here, did a workshop with COA and Library staff and it will be offered for COA volunteers later in June.

**Grant from the Ogdon Codman Trust.** We have received \$1,000 for an eight-session course in Positive Psychology to be given by Alyson Lee this fall.

**Atticus and Book Group.** Lincoln Cultural Council-funded performance by Richard Clark attracted 46 people, unfortunately no one came to the book group discussion. Likely many had not or did not want to read the recently published new novel by Harper Lee.

**Outreach Committee.** The group has grown to include, the new planning director, a committee at First Parish providing social services, the Housing Coalition, Minuteman High School, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional, the Diversity Committee and Parks and Rec. They meet bi-monthly to discuss coordinating services to the residents most in need.

**Minuteman Regional Coordinating Council and Crosstown Connect.** RCC is a group of towns to our west that coordinate transportation services. Because we do not have a van, we can probably only participate for emergency trips home from Emerson. Currently our transportation is coordinated by Lincoln Concord Coach and volunteers.

**Committee Reports**

**Clinics** are fine.

**Trips** – next trip is to Butterfly Place.

**Minuteman Senior Services.** The Board met the new highly-qualified Executive Director – Kelly McGee Wright. They had a gala goodbye celebration for Joan Butler, the marvelous out-going Director who has served the organization so well for the past 34 years.

**Housing Commission:** The Housing Forum was very well attended by all generations. Focus now is on providing affordable apartments. Looking for residents who might build an accessory apartment or turn an existing one into an affordable unit.

**Ice Cream Social.** Trish has everything under control (as usual) for the June 16 event – the native strawberries will be available.

**Birthday and Summer Vacation Cake Social.** We celebrated Ben Horne's 80<sup>th</sup> (several considered him just a youngster) and our vacation from Board Meetings. Next Meeting **Tuesday September 13 at 2:30.**

Submitted by Dilla