

MINUTES

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING -

DATE June 12, 2018

Present: Carolyn Bottum, Ben Horne, Sally Kindleberger, Wendy Kusik, Trish McGean, Don Milan, Florence Montgomery, Donna Rizzo, Dot Taylor, Dilla Tingley, Diana Chirita - liaison from Housing Commission, Jonathan Dwyer Selectman, Abby Butt

Community Center: The Board reviewed the Town Meeting discussion and talked of a potential timeline with Jonathan Dwyer. The selects re committed to keep the conversation going and are very supportive of the project.

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

Calendar: Carolyn reviewed the highlights for the July and August calendars.

Director's Report:

The **LGBT training** went well. Recruitment is underway for the 10 new slots in the **Senior Tax Work Off Program**. **Senior Dining** continues successfully and several new perks have been added. Wanda Paik and Alba Shocair gave wonderful **piano concerts**. It is a real treat for us to have such able performers willing to entertain us.

The **Aging in Place Forum** was well-attended and the COA is glad to work with them to provide neighborhood activities throughout the Town.

Social Services: We have contracted with Emerson Hospital for our **public health nurse** and we are delighted that Trish McGean will fill that role. Working through Emerson means we will have access to practitioners at Emerson Home Care and we will have a **Flu Clinic** again – Oct 19.

A candidate for the **Veteran's Agent** will be interviewed this week.

Scholarship Policy: Carolyn reviewed the policy that has been developed to provide scholarships to our programs and trips for Lincoln seniors who have financial needs. The Board voted unanimously to adopt this policy.

Committee Reports

Clinics are fine.

Trips: The June trip to Fruitlands is sold out. A **Boston Harbor Cruise with clambake** is planned for July

Minuteman Senior Services: A list of Healthy Living Programs being offered in surrounding towns will be posted.

SHINE: Ann and Don continue to provide excellent service to Lincoln seniors and some younger families and some from outside Lincoln who have trouble getting service in their own community. Abby Butt has also made several referrals. Many residents turning 65 also come to them for advice on Medicare. New Medicare Cards are being issued. The COA will make robocalls to warn citizens that scammers have been phoning to get personal information.

Housing Commission: Diana Chirita reported that the renovation discussed for 65 Tower Road is on hold so that the possibility of an apartment to serve as "transitional" and/or "emergency" housing will not materialize. There was a lively discussion of other options for this housing. The Lincoln Housing Commission is rethinking its mission now that Oriole Landing will fulfill our moderate income housing goal for the foreseeable future. Katherine Clark's Office might be helpful in finding out how to access federal dollars for senior housing.

Vacancies on the COA Board: Marilyn Buckler is moving and Trish McGean will step down because of potential conflict of interest in her new role as public health nurse. Several names were suggested and Carolyn will follow up on contacting them

Submitted by Dilla