

**Minutes
Council on Aging Board Meeting
January 8, 2019**

Present: Carolyn Bottum, Dan Boynton, Ben Horne, Sally Kindleberger, Don Milan, Dot Taylor, Wendy Kusik

Minutes of December meeting approved

Calendar: Carolyn reviewed the highlights for February calendar.

Directors Report:

- Emily Morrison appointed new social worker in town. Starts end of January. She will have hours in Lincoln Woods, Ballfield Road & Town Hall. North Lincoln in future.
- Gift bags were given to 25 households in December
- Fuel assistance increased by 70 contacts
- Selectman setting up investigating group to deal with increase in property taxes and affordability. Carolyn is in this group.
- The COA and Housing Commission requested \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Committee for monthly subsidies to help people in need get into housing.
- Selectmen may increase expense budget for COA

Shine:

Don Milan reports that with government shutdown there are no answers regarding medicare.

Celebrations Table:

- Florence reports that COA lacks space, not material. She presented books for all holidays, Black history, Sudanese, Chinese New Year, Grandparents Day, Earth Day.

Materials distributed:

December minutes
February calendar
Director's Report