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**Meeting Minutes
AGE-Friendly Belmont
4-15-21**

Attendees: Nava Niv-Vogel, Bev Freeman, Mckenzie Kewley, Susan Polit, Kristin Daley, Timothy Flood, Heidi Barberio, Judy Singler, Alice Melnikoff, Wayne Haley

The meeting began at 1 pm.

Due to a glitch with posting of the 4/8/21 meeting AFAC did not meet and the meeting was moved to today. Approval of minutes- The minutes of the 3-11-21 meeting were unanimously approved. The minutes of 3-23-21 were also unanimously approved as is.

1:08 pm – Nava did submit the action plan copy to the liaison at AARP and he responded that it looks good and it reflects Belmont. He commented that the review committee will look at several other issues: and nevertheless, we can forward this for a presentation to the Select Board. We shall highlight in the executive summary more about when we feel things will be executed, and the dates-deadlines of the long-term.

A column stating what are the goals, including the evidence (where did we get this idea or goal), and a bibliography about this would be sufficient. Nava said she can add to the bibliography to be sure it is clear.

Tim comments we have been clear what the changes were and the reality is how we got to the report itself: we went through a lot of info externally. So should be understood. Adding too much redundancies, he says would take away from the report. Nava agreed with Tim's comments that keeping the timelines as is without adding a column to each action step grid should remain as is. The Council agreed to keeping Tim's suggestion.

Nava thanks everyone for input received after she submitted it. The Select Board and COA would be the first bodies to see the report. There is still a question as to whether the report would be presented at Town Meeting. Nava had asked the Town Clerk's office about this. She in turn, asked The Town Moderator was not inclined to include at the upcoming TM for unstated reasons. Nava noted that this probably has nothing to do with the Moderator's disinterest in Age Friendly effort as he has publicly voiced his enthusiasm for it in the past.

The report itself will be distributed and presented in PDF form. Judy comments that announcements can be sent to all town meeting members: and there could be a link on the town website.

The League of Women Voters would probably want to see this; Judy adds the name of the department head, and after the Select Board: the local media – *The Citizen Herald*, and copies could be provided to the library; local could pick this up. Nava says we could supply 50 copies. Judy comments the town admin could also print copies, so these can be picked it up by attendees.

Nava comments that all members of the Council would be welcome to come to the presentation of the report to the Select Board. Nava will send them a summary of the action plan of the meeting.

(Wayne Haley joins at 1:27).

Nava commented that part of the goal of the presentation is to have Select Board members start to think about appointments to the future Age Friendly Action Committee.

Tim recommends putting the follow-up on this document. The Council agrees that it would be good to ask the Board for a deadline to make appointments. The Council agree that 6 months from today, or after the summer would be a reasonable time.

Judy noted that the summer is when the Select Board appoints members to boards that have openings. Following this meeting today, Nava will put this together and will mention all of the subcommittee members on the letter sent concerning the presentation of the report.

The meeting concluded with comments that it was an achievement to put forth an action plan despite the obstacles that the pandemic created in this regard.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Freeman

Secretary