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# COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## February 5, 2018

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### CALLED TO ORDER:

Michael Cahalane, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

#### PRESENT:

Michael Cahalane, Jim Staton, Ethel Hamann, Ted Dukas, Joel Semuels, Judy Singler, Chao Qiang-Lai, Carolyn Bunyon and Nava Niv-Vogel

#### ABSENT:

Maryann Scali, Phyl Solomon, Tomi Olson

#### SENIOR CITIZEN CONCERNS:

There were no senior citizen concerns

#### REVIEW OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

Past meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted by the board with name change amendments.

#### UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE:

##### DIRECTOR:

Nava Niv-Vogel reported that the Alzheimer's Dementia program was well attended by 50 – 70 people. In addition, the various Travelogues from Lithuania, Galapagos Islands, Australia and New Zealand were also well attended and enjoyed by all.

Nava explained the many changes from The Department of Transportation. Marty Cloherty, our Transportation Coordinator, has taken on many new responsibilities such as; attending more meetings, more inspections, new reporting conditions, along with new accounting system.

Nava met with the new Town Administrator, Patrice Garvin, regarding the budget process FY'19. Ms. Garvin was supportive of a new part-time social worker but because of the Board of Health requesting a new position, youth commission, there would be further discussion.

##### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

See Attached Report by Lillian Hartman

##### FRIENDS:

Joel Semuels reported on current happenings with the Friends initiatives:

Currently, we have 350 members

We are working on the yearly newsletter which will be sent out in April

Our Brick campaign is on-going

We are planning a fashion show on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Coldwell Bank is our sponsor

Next year our Craft Fair will be Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

This year the high school is planning a "Senior Prom" which the Friends will underwrite approximately \$2,000

The "Friends" have purchased a new Sandwich Board for advertising events

Again, we hope to have the Al Natale Concert in September

We have a new member on our board, Ms. Rosemary Dulac

Our next "Friends" meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

#### SPRINGWELL:

Judy Singler reported there has been a change in state funding not impacting Belmont

The program P.A.C.E. which is managed care for seniors, is not doing well in Belmont

Ruth, Director of COA for Springwell, explained the change on payment process

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The staff appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

As previously mentioned there was discussion regarding a new part-time social worker position

Nava and Maryann Scali met with a member of the Board of Assessors to talk about lowering eligibility standards for tax rebate. The Assessor needs more criteria.

Joel did research regarding senior parking discount in Belmont Center. He checked with neighboring towns and their ways of handling the parking. Newton and Natick use stickers for senior parking. The cost is \$6.00. Joel did not know how much revenue was raised. More information is needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Nava reported that the discussion of COA involvement in Town's Housing Plan was tabled and discussion of support for Town's Disability Access Commission was that there are not enough members and we need to raise awareness to support commission.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn A. Bunyon