

**Belmont Council on Aging -Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2017- 7:30 pm**  
**Location – *The Center***  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:** Maryann Scali, Chair; Jim Staton, Carolyn Bunyon, Ethel Hamann, Ted Dukas, Joel Semuels, Phyl Solomon, Judy Singler, Tomi Olson, Chao-qiang Lai, Donald Mercier, and Nava Niv Vogel  
**Absent:** Michael Cahalane

**Maryann Scali called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm**

**Senior Citizen Concerns:** Donald Mercier and Tomi Olson collaborated on the Aging Property Tax Relief issue. Tomi communicated the report and explained the process for recommendations to be given to Senator Will Brownsberger and State Representative David Rogers. The issue is intended that the statement, which is presently on the reverse side of the tax bill, be placed on the front side of the bill, to optimize visibility so that the citizens can respond if they wish.

The statement would read as follows: **“If you are 65 or older with an annual income of \$57,500 or less, (adjusted annually not including assets,) you may defer your Real Estate Taxes. Apply at the Assessor’s office” You may apply for this program and others.** There was much discussion regarding this topic. A motion was then made and it was passed. Nava will follow up and communicate this motion to the members of the Board of Assessors.

**Review of past meeting minutes:** Past meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted by the Board.

**Nava Niv Vogel** reported that some of the carpeting at *The Center* is going to be replaced as well as new chairs will be purchased. She spoke about the concert conducted by Nate Myers, which was enjoyed by all. Pat Dixon stated that she hopes that the “Friends Board” would support/pay to have Nate Myers and his group perform at *The Center* four (4) times per year.

**Joel Semuels** reported on current happenings with the **Friends** initiatives. Initiatives include; the Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> fund-raiser-Barbara Miranda is retiring and she wants all proceeds to go to the **Friends**, which is a wonderful gesture. Joel presented many upcoming items to discuss such as; November 19<sup>th</sup> holiday craft fair, thank-you party for members, and plaques for donors.

**Judy Singler** reported that **Springwell** stated that *The Center* is a great facility and is enjoyed by many people other than our own Belmont residents.

**Ethel Hamann and Tomi Olson** plan to meet with Superintendent Phelan in hopes of establishing Intergenerational Programs for *The Center*.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The next COA Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> (Tomi Olson will be preparing the meeting minutes.) In addition, **Monday, September 11, will be the first COA Board of Directors meeting of the (2017-2018) season.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn A Bunyon  
COA Board Member