

Belmont Council on Aging  
Board Meeting  
February 6, 2012

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**Attendance:** DeNovellis, V., Hamann, E., Hegarty, C.M., Lougee, A., S-Mullin, A.,  
Morgan, A., Olson, T., Semuels, J, Chair  
Niv-Vogel N., Director  
**Absent:** Cahalane, M., Schafer, P.

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 7:35, p.m.

1. Senior Issues. Acknowledgement of the positive beginning to the dance program. Credit for the good beginning due to David Chin who has created and managed the activity without cost to the Center. Minimal donations accepted.
2. Minutes approved as amended.
3. General Announcements. The Fitness Room has been outfitted with the equipment and two additional electrical outlets. Mirrors scheduled for installation on 02-08-12. The use of television in the room was raised since there are outlets for cable in the room. This is an operational issue for future consideration. Discussion followed about the membership policy requiring Belmont residency. This policy may be reconsidered in the future based on experience.
4. Updates and Announcements
  - a. **Springwell.** Noted that in addition to the means tested services provided there are a number of other services that are not related to income eligibility. These include Protective Services and educational activities. One such program is the Chronic Disease Self-management Program first run and financed in the area by the Belmont COA. This is now offered at the Beech Street Center by Springwell during March, 2012. Information Session on February 23, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
  - b. **Director.** Director attended a meeting with Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen to discuss supplemental budget requests. The Center has two requests, one for the addition of social work services during the summer since the present staff member is on a ten month schedule (projected cost \$5,000.00) and the other for the addition of transportation services during the Tuesday evening hours.(Projected costs \$4,000.00). The social work issue was taken under advisement but the transportation issue did not appear on the agenda and was not discussed.  
Center rentals: The net rental fees for this past year were \$9,000.00 It was requested in discussion that this item be included in the monthly reports.  
Other budget matters: The projected increase in the COA budget for the coming fiscal year is approximately \$4,000. to \$6,000 not including any supplemental budget increases.