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Minutes of Human Services Subcommittee of Warrant Committee
March 21, 2019

Present: Chairman Robert E. McLaughlin, Members, Jenny Fallon, Lynn Read

Absent: Member Michael Crowley

In accordance with the Notice, the Chairman, Robert E. McLaughlin, called the meeting of the Committee to order at 8:05 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at the Beech Street Center, Belmont, MA.

In addition to the members of the Subcommittee, also present was the Council on Aging Director Nava Niv Vogel and several members of the Council on Aging Board. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Director and the Council to discuss their budget requests for fiscal 2020. Director Vogel gave a narrative of the accomplishments of the Council on Aging during the past year. She proudly explained that Belmont had now been accepted as an age-friendly community. There followed a discussion concerning the participation in the Council on Aging programs by a number of different people. Director Vogel again spoke of the importance of transportation and the fact that they now have the new van, giving them two operating vehicles.

In addition to the budget, there was a discussion of the collateral sources of funds in the form of grants, business-sponsored programs, donations, the value of Springwell on site and home delivery of meals, all of which totaled an additional \$600,000 under the management and control of the Council on Aging.

The fact that there was very little change in the budget this year was discussed. The Director talked about the sharing of a social worker and the need to have the ability to deliver social services. Upon inquiry, the Director advised the subcommittee that once again the net revenues received from renting the Beech Street Center were negligible and in the amount of approximately \$12,000.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion by the Chairman the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.

Robert E. McLaughlin,
Human Services Subcommittee Chair