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DATE: June 9, 2021

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**AGE-Friendly Belmont  
Meeting Minutes  
3-2-21**

11:01 am – meeting began.

**Attendees:** Nava Niv-Vogel, Alice Melnikoff, Judy Singler, Wayne Haley, Mackenzie Kewley, Susan Polit, Peter Struzziero, Bev Freeman, Victoria \_\_\_, Kristin Daley, Timothy Flood

This meeting was a rescheduled meeting from Feb. 23. That meeting did not take place because a quorum was not achieved. Members who did attend informally had an informal discussion.

**Meeting Minutes** Nava notified the group that minutes from last meeting have not been reviewed and proof-read but will be sent out prior to the next meeting. Minutes from this meeting will also be sent out prior to next meeting.

**Discussion of Final Draft of Report** Nava commented that more photos are needed. Nava mentioned that the process for distributing the final copy starts with submitting it to AARP. If AARP has anything that they want to recommend or need us to edit for their approval, this will be helpful before bringing it to Town bodies such as the Select Board. The question was raised as to why the report first goes to AARP and not the Select Board. Nava responded that AARP provides the Age Friendly designation based on their specific criteria and that they are the group that must accept our work for our designation to remain. It will be important to present the report to the Select Board in due time.

The version of the final report that was presented on “share screen” was the one Judy drafted most recently. She explained that making the narrowing the columns and shortening lines makes the space bigger and easier to read. Mackenzie inserted some of the submitted photos into the document that Nava sent her, and she will alter the spaces on the pages accordingly.

It was agreed that lighter shading of the text makes the document easier to read. Mackenzie changed the shading in real time, to the satisfaction of members. Members asked that photos showing fully shoveled walkways should be used rather than the one presented today. After some brainstorming Nava proposed taking photo of pathway in the back of the center because snow and ice have been fully removed from it.

It was decided that captions for the photos are unnecessary. It was also determined that each page of photos could contain 2 or 3 photos.

Judy advocated that we should have feedback from DPW and Community Development before finalizing report, even though they have not responded to request for comment to date

Tim recommended that we reach out with email and invite them to our upcoming meeting, as a way to elicit their feedback. Nava agreed to invite them as well as Jon Marshall, as he is Recreation Director.

Heidi B. who represents the Recreation Department for the Council is on temporary leave, so it’s good to ensure that the Department has someone else to represent its perspective.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, March 11 at 1 pm .The current meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Freeman  
Secretary

