

2019 JUL 16 AM 9: 58

COA Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2019

Present: Chr. C.Qiang-Lai, P. Solomon, J Semuels, J Singler, T.Olson, M. Cahalane, E. Sullivan, M. Scali, T.Dukas and N. Niv Vogel

Absent: E.Hamann, T.Hammerle and Ass't Director D. Leavitt

1. Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chr. Qiang-Lai

2. The Chair introduced new member, Elleen Sullivan

3. Senior Concerns: .

a. Marcia Semuels representing the Belmont Library Foundation announced an event-"Better Together" with Bob Putman on April 28th. The purpose is to bring organizations all over Town together. She requested that the COA co-sponsor it.

A motion-The COA will Co-sponsor "Better Together" event as requested moved and seconded. (J. Semuels abstained) It was unanimous.

b. Duplicate Bridge -M. Scali questioned amount of time is spent Fridays from 1 to 3 now is 12:30 to 3:30pm. Should the COA set space, time and limits for any class per week? Does the Center have space to accommodate or encourage new programs? The board requested that COA Director and Assistant Director draft a policy regarding how much space and program time a single instructor/program can have access to at the center.

c. Housing Trust meeting with Planning Board is scheduled for following evening, Jan. 15 and COA was encouraged to attend. The topic for discussion is Senior Housing at McLean Hospital Land. Planning to attend are J.Singler, T.Olson and M. Scali

4. Treasurer's report: M. Scali reported a balance of \$45. We will need additional funds for the Excellence in Intergenerational Programming award plaque. Therefore, the Treasurer is asking for a \$10 donation from each COA member. The plaque will be awarded in March.

5. Director's report: N. Niv Vogel reported that the contracted cleaning service is not doing their job. Ceiling tiles will be replaced. A special contracted service will do work on the HVAC System.

D. Leavitt and A. Stamoulos are working on making more of a presence on social media outlets (Facebook and the Belmontonian) to upgrade the on-line look of the Center.

Our 10th anniversary at the Beech Street Center will be in October 2019. *Age Friendly Advisory Council* is expected to be formed. It will go through the report to figure out feasible projects to improve senior living in the town.

6. Friends-J. Semuels will be mailing the Friends annual letter to residents over 40 in the Town on January 23rd. Fund raisers that have been done during the prior year include: Fashion Show (bi-yearly) Fall Concert, and the Crafts Fair the week before Thanksgiving.

7. Question: Treasurer-M. Scali was asked to call Town Treasurer F. Carman to question amount of money received from the check off on the tax bill. She will report at the next meeting.

8. Springwell-J. Singler- Dana has been keeping people informed on housing. Discussion on restoring transportation.

It was MOVED "that the COA requests a portion of Ride Share revenue that the State reimburses the Town for Transportation received from State be allocated to Belmont COA for Senior Transportation Services" (3k was allocated for funds)

The Ride is doing a pilot program with Uber.

9. T.Olson will call on the HS Pool stair repair

10. New business: R. Colton's project :To insure that seniors with tax deferrals automatically enroll in BLMD discount program. Request to expand list to those aging Belmont residents who qualify.

"We support action suggested by R. Colton for Seniors who qualify regarding the Express Lane"

11. Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be Feb.8 or snow date Feb. 15th. Members signed up to bring food dishes

12. Meeting adjourned 9pm.

Respectfully,

M. Scali (Secretary pro-tem)