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**COA Board Meeting
May 7, 2019
Beech Street Center, Board Room**

1. Call to Order 7:01 pm. In attendance: Board members Chao-Qiang Lai, Ted Dukas, Judy Singler, Ethel Hamann, MaryAnn Scali, Ellen Sullivan, Phyl Solomon, Terese Hammerle, Ex-officio Nava Niv-Vogel, Director and ex-officio Dana Leavitt. Assistant Director:
Absent: Tomi Olson, Mike Cahalane and Joel Semuels.
2. March minutes not reviewed, approved or ready for submission due to last minute taker's absence.
3. Senior citizen concerns: none voiced.
 - a. Chao discussed nutrition presentation. It was well attended.
 - b. Phyl asked about whether the Bel Aires are available to sing at the Courtyard Celebration at Chenery on May 28?
4. Treasury report: nothing new to report
5. Director's report (attached)
 - a. Personnel/Social work need: SW over the summer in place with the addition of two interns. LWV sent a letter requesting funding for FT SW for seniors and non-seniors to the Select Board. Community Compact grant (incentives for communities to regionalize) applied for, but Watertown (partnering community) pulled out application, so it was not submitted. Need for SW services is ongoing. Idea floated that perhaps we should be looking for a half time position SW to make our current half time position a FT.
 - b. Facility Update: discussed revitalizing the landscaping plan.
6. Programs and Services: Assistant Director's Report:

Spring flower workshop was great
Spring soiree was cancelled and rescheduled
Kindness rock project was mentioned
LGBTQ: training will take place May 16 9:30—11:30
Kentucky Derby party was great
Mother's Day Tea was also a success
Cocoanut Grove talk was held this evening
Meet the Director event takes place May 24 at 10am
Beach party was successful
Dancing with the Stars viewing party will take place in June
7. Friends: no report, next meeting is June 13.
8. Springwell: still looking for new CEO. All of the Case Management and in-home services will be

available now on a fee for service benefit, i.e., you don't have to be income eligible for fully subsidized services to access services.

9. McLean property: new development is on hold. Land on that site will need to be rezoned since it was zoned for assisted living at one point. Planning Board and the Belmont Housing Trust will work on this. There might be senior housing on Pleasant Street. No proposal is on the books yet, but there might be interest since the zoning is right.

10. Transportation Improvement working group: the Town Administration approved of moving forward with a volunteer driver program. This working group is convening on Friday.

11. Tax work-off program: Town Counsel wants this funding to be an abatement effective as of next tax bill. Seniors involved in the work-off program will no longer receive a check (which was subject to taxes).

12. Police Chief Search Committee: interested parties apply directly to the Select Board. That body will determine who the COA representative on the committee will be.

13. Judy moved, that the COA board directs Nava to request funding to increase SW staff position from 20 to 40 hours per week for the COA as soon as funds become available. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

14. TOWN DAY table: Friends volunteer with Board members
8:30-9:30 is set up then staffing table. Sign up sheet passed around.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. Next meeting will take place Tuesday, June 4 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terese Hammerle