

Belmont Council on Aging

Board Meeting Minutes

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September 6, 2016

In Attendance: Carolyn Bunyon, Michael Cahalane, Chair, Ted Dukas, Ethel Hamann, Chao Qiang Lai, James Staton, Phyl Solomon, Maryann Scali, Judy Singler and Nava Niv-Vogel.
Not attending: Joel Semuels and Tomi Olson.

New board member, Phyl Solomon was welcomed.

Senior Concerns: The difficulty of access at the entrance to the Memorial Library was noted. A new location for a dedicated swim time for seniors is being sought.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Attendance records and punctuation were corrected. Then the minutes were approved as distributed.

Director's Report: In addition to her written report circulated prior to the meeting, Nava reported that a grant application has been submitted to support conducting a workshop on hoarding and decluttering. Also approval has been granted to fill the Belderbus driver position. Nava will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on September 12 to discuss the Age Friendly Community Initiative.

Friends of Belmont COA: A reminder of the Al Natale concert on September 15. The Friends annual meeting will be October 6.

Springwell Report: After discussion it was Moved, Seconded and Voted to designate Judy Singler as the Belmont Representative on the Springwell Board. She has been serving as an At-Large Board Member.

Policy on Political Activities at the Beech Street Center: Nava circulated copies of communication between her and the Town Clerk, Ellen Cushman concerning the proposed "political rules policy" developed by a task force of the Board. After review and extensive discussion the policy statement suggested by Ms. Cushman was approved.

Age Friendly Community Initiative: Dr. Cahalane reported that the task force of the Board met and reviewed the 16 page document "Envisioning and Age-Friendly Belmont, June 2016." It was concluded that the most pressing challenge to enabling Belmont residents to age in place is Housing. Several initiatives which could help meet this challenge were discussed. They included creating additional "accessory Housing."

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Staton