

DATE: September 19, 2022
TIME: 1:58 PM

Draft- Belmont CoA Board Meeting Minutes- Aug 1, 2022

Members Present: Tomi Olson (Chair), Dana Bickelman (ex- officio) at Town Hall, Margie Wayne, Ted Dukas, Maryann Scali, Joel Semuels, Judy Morrison, Andrea Paschal, Jane Shapiro, Karen Donelan and Chao Qiang-Lai on Zoom

Members Not Present: Ellen Sullivan, Mark Paolillo (Select Board liaison)

1. Senior Concerns-Maryann Scali

Discussion of Search Committee for new Director Job description etc. Applications close August 14th. Discussion of our representative-J. Semuels, no action at this time.

Need to ask some questions-we will send our questions to M. Wayne only. The questions are for our representative to ask.

Tomi updated the Board on the Fire Departments response for the Seniors at Sherman Gardens that had an issue with things on their porches. The Fire Prevention Officer went to Sherman Gardens and stated that the tables, carts, flowers, etc. on some porches are not a violation of the Fire Safety Code. The issue has been resolved.

2. Review of past minutes-approved July 11, 2022, minutes with minor edits.

3. Updates & Correspondence

Acting Director Report-Dana Bickleman:

Dana said the part time Volunteer Coordinator position and the full time Social Worker position (2-year funding) is still open. Kim Sliney who works part time assisting with various projects will continue for another year.

Beech St Center is a Cooling Center and was open during the month of July.

Friends of the CoA- Joel Semuels

Joel updated the group on the Sept 29th Tom Nutile Big Band concert from 7-9pm. He stated there will be no intermission, they will have grab bag snacks, people will be encouraged to wear a mask and the CoA will provide transportation to Belmont seniors.

Springwell- Jane Shapiro

Jane told the group that the Watertown Senior Center sent out postcards to seniors about the Springwell/BayPath merge.

Transportation Working Group- Margie Wayne

Margie stated that the waivers for the Volunteer Driver Program have been approved. We hope to start this program up again in the fall. The Senior Center received in July, two donations towards the Medical Taxi Rides totaling \$125.00. Joel asked what was left in the Friends Donation for taxi rides- \$5,498. Joel stated that the CoA could go back to the Friends for funding for 2023 Taxi Medical Rides.

Judy Morrison- Age Friendly Action Committee
Judy gave updates on the process of the working groups.

4. Old business:

Tomi Olson- no update on Creating Inclusiveness & Making the CoA Welcome to All.

5. New business:

Art Exhibit update- Russ Bedessa's artwork will be kept up for the month of Sept. Dana informed the group that Russ passed away in late July.

A discuss of topics for articles for newsletter were mentioned:

Topic-Elder Law

Discussions for funding for Concert-Joel

The group was informed of the Farmers Market Coupon program availability.

6. Next meeting ***Monday, September 12 at 7pm. on Zoom-*** Jane Shapiro is scheduled to take the notes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Maryann Scali, Board member