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**Belmont Council on Aging**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Conference Room at the Beech Street Center  
June 2, 2015 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Chairman, Michael Cahalane. Others present were: Ted Dukas, Ethel Hamann, Chao-Qiang Lai, Tomi Olson, Maryann Scali, Joel Semuels, Judy Singler, Jim Staton and Nava Niv-Vogel. Board member, Penny Schafer was unable to attend.

Senior Citizen Concerns - Nava reported that Ms. Arlene Davis of Blake Street sought COA support in a hearing concerning parking on Blake St and Kilburn Rd. After discussion there was consensus that the COA should not take a position on this issue.

Previous Meeting Minutes – After review and minor changes the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

Director's Report – New Items since the written report was distributed.

An HMO for health and social services known as PACE is expanding its area of service to Belmont

Mt. Auburn Hospital has approved its annual \$3,000 grant to the COA.

Interviews of candidates to fill the Center Coordinator position are being conducted. Board members are invited to participate.

One of the transportation program drivers, Joe MacDonald, is leaving his position.

Our kitchen manager, Barbara, has been out because of illness.

Our volunteer exhibits curator is leaving. Collaboration with the Homer Center Gallery is possible.

The Open House on May 26 was very successful.

The possibility of the Center being used as temporary shelter for Belmont citizens following a fire or other disaster generated considerable discussion. More information on how this might happen is needed from the Belmont Emergency Management Agency.

Friends of Belmont COA – Joel reported that the next Friends board meeting is June 17. The annual Al Natale concert is scheduled for September 17. The date of the annual Crafts Fair will likely be November 28 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). A previously proposed fashion show will not be held.

Springwell – Copies of a new newsletter were distributed. The organization received increased funding in the State budget.

There was no report from the Working Group on political activities at the Center.

Belmont Center Planning – Several members reported on a recent meeting during which the Board of Selectmen committed to make changes in the proposed street and parking configuration in front of Belmont Savings Bank.

Schedule of FY '16 Meeting Dates and Scribe Assignments – The following were agreed:

July 13 – Jim    Sep 8 – Joel    Oct 6 – Judy    Nov 2 – Penny    Dec 7 – Ted    Jan 4 – Penny  
Feb 1 – Ethel    Mar 4 – Maryann    Apr 4 – Tomi    May 3 – Chao    Jun 7 – Carolyn    Jul 11 – Judy

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Staton