

Council on Aging  
Minutes  
July 11, 2016

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Present: Carolyn Bunyon, Mike, Cahalane, Chair, Ted Dukas, Ethel Hamann, Tomi Olson, Chao Qiang Lai, James Staton.  
The June 2016 Minutes were accepted as amended.

Nava reported on the Retirement Party for Brian Jennings. Many who have moved away and no longer use the center came back to see him. He was very well liked.

Nava reported that she is working on 2 Grants. Both need to go through a 501c3 so they will be submitted through the Friends.

The first grant is for Lifeline. The submission for \$4000 will be to Cambridge Savings Bank. The Friends serve as the 501c3 conduit. The second grant for \$100K will be submitted to the Cummings Foundation. It is a multi-year grant: (3 years.)

The application will request funding for a Housing Resource Specialist to work on issues such as hoarding, mental illness, and other difficulties.  
The inter-departmental planning group: ( Healthy and Safe Housing Planning Group) includes Community Development, COA, Belmont Fire, Belmont Police, Belmont Health.

Nava also reported that a federally sponsored Elder Suicide Prevention project filmed at the center. The BelAires were filmed for the program to demonstrate ways to ward off depression.

Chairman Mike suggested that we have this "work product" of the Bel Aires (Larry Martin, Director) be available to show others what support at the Beech Street Center has been able to do. He also suggested that the Reynolds Foundation be contacted.

The Friends reported on the upcoming Al Natale Concert. They wish to encourage sponsors for the event. Chairman Mike volunteered to be a sponsor. Coldwell Banker will be sponsoring for \$1000 and there are other corporate sponsors.

The Friends believe they may have recruited a new Treasurer.

Springwell Report: Judy Singler was unable to attend our meeting. It was noted that it is difficult to get people to volunteer for the Springwell Board.

The 2017 COA Budget was approved at the Town Meeting held in June.

The Board is in process of developing a “political rules policy.”

Age Friendly Communities report: Nava has already acted on some of the short-term issues. Both Selectmen Paolillo and Bagdhaddy would like this presented to the Board of Selectmen. Nava will conference call with the Age Friendly folks to come up with ideas. A working group was established: Chairman Mike Chao, Jim, Ted, Tomi. Chairman Mike will call the meeting.

The COA meeting schedule for FY’17 was established. Some of the Monday meetings were re-scheduled for Tuesdays due to holidays. The dates are: Tuesday, September 6, October 4, November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 2, June 6, July 10

Minute taking schedule was established:

September: Jim  
October: Tomi  
November: MaryAnn  
December: Ethel

2017  
January: Chao  
February: Ted  
March:  
April:  
May:  
June: Carolyn

The Board was reminded that Meet Belmont is Tuesday, August 30. Carolyn volunteered to help.

COA will be representing at the Farmers Market on July 21. COA staff will be there until 4pm. Judy may be there for an hour from 4 to 6.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tomi Olson