

## **MINUTES OF THE BELMONT COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

### **August 28, 2008**

Present: J. Semuels, chair, Neil Hegarty, H. Dvorak, J. Kantor, H. Kazarian, A. Lougee, P. Solomon, N. N. Vogel, Executive Director,

Absent: J. Bruschi, E. Hamann.

J. Semuels (chair) called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the July, 2008 meeting were not reviewed, as there is usually no August meeting and this meeting was specially called and posted with required notice to deal with an important recent issue which had arisen. The July minutes as well as the minutes of this meeting will be reviewed at the September 15, 2008 meeting.

FY 2009 Budget: N. N. Vogel then reported on the FY 2009 budget.

Director's Report: Nava reported that Tom Younger, Town Administrator has requested that each Department Head to submit a revised FY 2009 (the current fiscal year beginning in July 1, 2008) budget with a reduction of five per cent (5%) by Friday, August 29, 2008.

Discussion: Discussion ensued regarding the various line items of the Council on Aging FY 2009 budget. As part of that discussion, the Chair and N. N. Vogel announced the fact that a lease amendment had been signed for the current Council on Aging/Senior Center space.

Lease Amendment: The Board discussed the lease amendment which the Roman Catholic Archbishop of CityBoston had entered into on July 12, 2008 (after the last Board meeting) with the Town of Belmont regarding the current Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall. The amended lease runs from June 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, with two one month options to extend through May 30, 2009. J. Semuels reported that he had reviewed the lease and found differences on page 2 in the words and numbers in the rental dollar amounts stated in the lease for the Town's annual lease payment, (e.g. Fifty Thousand or \$41,670.00 dollars).

After considerable discussion, it was decided that a determination of any possible budget cuts could not be made until the annual amount the Town is obligated to pay in rent on the lease is clarified. Mr. Semuels stated that he has notified the Town Manager's office of the apparent error by telephone. N. N. Vogel will also seek clarification as soon as possible.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center conference room.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joel Semuels, Chair