

**MINUTES OF THE BELMONT COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 6, 2005**

Present: N. Hegarty, chair, J. Brusch, E. Hamann, J. Horner, J. Kantor, H. Kazarian, A. Lougee, T. Morabito, P. Soloman, B. Miranda, J. Semuels
Absent: None

Neil Hegarty (chair) called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed, and upon motion and second were accepted.

Senior Citizens Concerns: None received.

General Announcements: Chairman Hegarty acknowledged that this was the last meeting for Tom Morabito as a COA Board member. He and the Board recognized and thanked Tom for his long and fine service to the COA Board. Tom served and saw the COA from its location in an Office in Town Hall, through the change in COA leadership, to its present location and pushed for and helped form the Friends of the COA, the grass roots organization. The chair stated that Tom is a great part of COA history and institutional memory and will be missed.

The chair commented on the programs report for May citing the high rates of participation, especially in health and wellness programs.

Director's Report: Discussion on ensued on the COA custodial position and how it might appear in the Town Meeting warrant article. Nava is interviewing Wednesday for Cathy's position. There is now a Senior Aide who is helping with secretarial work while there is a vacancy in the Administrative Assistant I position.

Old Business: The chair again announced that Watertown Savings Bank has pledged \$20,000 to the Friends for the new Senior Center. The chair again raised the issue of bringing Dr. Schreiber's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program to Belmont in the Fall if publicity materials are available. The Board agreed after discussion.

New Business: The chair announced that Ethel, Henry, Tom, John and Barbara have been reappointed to the COA Board. Since Tom is moving out of town, there is a vacancy as of June 7, 2005. Mr. Semuels discussed a White House Conference on Aging event he attended that day in Boston as a former Elder Affairs attorney. Dr. Schreiber discussed his Chronic Disease Self-Management Program in a panel discussion. The program concentrated on the coming wave of baby boomers as elders in the next 2 to 15 years. The Board decided to appoint a committee to pursue this programming with Joel and John Brusch volunteering. The chair announced that with the end of the year the COA bylaws require nominations for COA leadership. There will be a report at the September meeting, and a vote will be taken at the October meeting. Discussion continued on the continuing fund raising mailing by the Friends for the Senior Center, the great response and how the Friends' President would address Town Meeting on the status

of fund raising. Many calls are coming in from people wanting to do fund raising events. The Friends' next meeting is Wednesday, June 8. Ms. Soloman reported that Ann Rittenberg of the School Committee has suggested that the COA and School Committee be closer to work on intergenerational projects and that a liaison person be appointed. The Board responded positively to this suggestion. The Board will work on who will be the liaison.

Springwell Report: Ms. Soloman reported that there will be a Springwell feedback session on July 5th at 2 p.m.

The next COA Board meeting is July 5th at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel M. Semuels