

**Belmont Council on Aging
Board Meeting
June 6, 2011**

Present: Joel Semuels, Chair; Michael Cahalane; Vincent De Novellis; Ethel Hamann; Neil Hegarty; Dan LeClerc; Anne Lougee; Tomi Olson; Maryann Scali; Penny Schafer; Nava Niv-Vogel, COA Director

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

Senior Citizen's Concerns: There were none.

Review of Past Minutes:

One correction was made and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended. N. Niv-Vogel will make the edit and submit the revised minutes to the Town Clerk.

General Announcements:

The working group to put together procedures for the yearly evaluation of the COA Director consists of J. Semuels, E. Hamann, A. Lougee and Neil Hegarty. They will meet this Wednesday, June 8.

Director's Report:

See Director's written report. A MOU was drafted with Springwell to supply the space at the center for a grant the agency received to conduct a diabetes self-management course this fall.

Nava thanked the board members who helped staff the table during Town Day.

It was suggested that dancing lessons be offered. This had not been successful in the past, but perhaps during an evening the center was open it could be tried. Starting this week the center will start staying open from 4 to 7 pm on Tuesdays. Several new programs will start in July during these hours. It was suggested that these additional activities be posted on the Town website. Possibly it could be advertised on the flashing light board by the Lions Club. An open house should be scheduled on a Tuesday evening to introduce people to the center.

Joel and Nava have been invited to the Media Center for a T.V. interview tomorrow night.

The sharing of the Belderbus with Lexington may not work as they would like their own bus.

Fitness Room: Nava reported that they have 26 of the needed 40 interested participants. The board agreed that Joel should send a letter to the Waltham Y saying that we can't meet the 40 limit in order to start the program and that we may have to explore other options. Michael Cahalane, Dan LeClerc, will join this working group with Joel Semuels, Neil Hegarty and Ethel Hamann.

New Business:

It was felt that the fall would be the time to start attending Warrant Committee meetings.

The warrant committee keeps bringing up a voucher system for transportation and the account numbers. A Warrant Subcommittee working group of the COA board was formed which

included Penny Schafer, Joel Semuels and Tomi Olson. They need to get a fair allocation of costs for use of the building – what is for seniors and what is other groups using the building. Several board members are up for reappointment including Angela, Vincent, Tomi and Ethel. Once appointments are made board training should be scheduled. Emmet Schmarsow will come do it if other surrounding towns join. Nava will set it up.
Tomi will take minutes at the July meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Haman, Revolving Secretary