

## **Meeting of April 3, 2007**

Present: J. Semuels – chair, J. Bruschi, E. Hamann, N. Hegarty, H. Kazarian, B. Miranda, A. Verrilli, N. Niv-Vogel, Jacalyn Boucher.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Semuels at 7:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the date March 5, 2007 were approved as mailed.

Senior Citizen Concerns: Nava has heard only 2 complaints indirectly about the increase from \$1 to \$2 for rides.

Announcements: J. Semuels reported on the budget meeting with the Warrant Committee, which was approved for this year. There will probably be an election for a tax override next year and if it doesn't pass, budget cuts will need to be made. The Warrant Committee was primarily concerned about the expense of having a transportation system for seniors and wanted the stocktickerCOA to look into ways of cutting those costs. Some towns have used a taxi voucher system. The board discussed how this system is not that cost effective and loses the personal touch which we currently have with clients.

It was felt that we needed to publicize more how many volunteers are used, the many services that are offered and how the program participation has grown over the years.

placeCityBelmont Housing Authority: A. Verrilli reported that they are still waiting to hear about possible grants.

Springwell Report presented and distributed by Neil Hegarty.

Director's Report: See attached. Since the report was written a meeting was held with Springwell to discuss meal programs at the new placePlaceNameSr. PlaceTypeCenter. They are committed to taking providing the meal site at the new center and after hearing the details of what the needs of the Meals on Wheels clientele in placeCityBelmont agreed to take on that program as well at the future site. Of the many advantages to senior users of Meals on Wheels will be the fact that the drivers delivering meals will have phones in their cars, so they will be able to immediately resolve problems in the field.

Additional information on the placePlaceNameChinese PlaceTypeCommunity Center was shared. Public Safety was featured on the front page of the Chinese paper in addition to the program that was offered at the placePlaceNameChinese PlaceTypeCenter. Nava reported that the Center would be willing to let the stocktickerCOA use some of their

space for programs if we have to leave our current space before the new placePlaceNameSenior PlaceTypeCenter is built. They have 15,000 square feet in building at Waverley Oaks. Most of the participants at this Chinese center are from placeCityBelmont.

An additional 5 hours a week of custodial services will be given to our current placePlaceNameSr. PlaceTypeCenter till the end of June through Operation Able funds. Our current lease has been extended through May 2008.

placePlaceNameSenior PlaceTypeCenter PlaceTypeBuilding Committee: The committee is working on all the little details, such as door locks and is on target to have everything reviewed by May. They are still waiting to hear from the addressStreetLand Court on the two lots and to have the parking lot issues approved by the Planning Board. It cannot be put out to bid until these two issues are solved. It will take 18 months to build the new center.

It was voted and approved that a public push in the form of a letter should be sent from the whole stocktickerCOA Board at this point. Nava and Joel will draft a letter and send it by e-mail to all board members to give their input. This should be done soon, definitely before Town Meeting.

Friends: There will be a membership drive meeting this Thursday, April 5 at timeHour15Minute03pm. A special event for members will be planned for after this meeting. The meat raffle made about \$1000. People had a great time and it was felt that even more people would come another time (about 100 came this time). The next one would be before Thanksgiving.

This was Jackie's last meeting. She had been working recently on the meat raffle, RUOK program and the Legislative Breakfast. She suggested that seniors using e-mail, internet etc on the computers needed to have someone there to help answer specific questions. It will be looked into to see if volunteers could be found to work with the seniors.

Tom Younger (Town Administrator) will come to the placePlaceNameSenior PlaceTypeCenter next month to explain the budget.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, May 7 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Hamann  
Secretary