

**BELMONT COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2008**

PRESENT: J. Semuels, Chair, J. Kantor, E. Hamann, N. Niv-Vogel, H. Kazarian, B. Miranda, P. Solomon, Vice Chair, J. Bruschi, H. Dvorak, A. Lougee

ABSENT: C. Hegarty

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by J. Semuels, Chair.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting were amended to delete "Neil Hegarty was elected to fill Joe's remaining term as Treasurer." This is BEC business. Remove "April" before "Tuesday, April 8 by Springwell." Add "will be written by" in reference to the new column in the Belmont paper.

SENIOR CITIZEN CONCERNS: None

SPRINGWELL: Springwell will be providing testimonies at an upcoming hearing at the placePlaceNameBelmont PlaceNameSenior PlaceTypeCenter. The hearing and testimonies serve to justify the increased line item in the state budget for Protective Services for the coming fiscal year.

DIRECTOR: The Chronic Disease Self-Management course has twelve participants and starts this week.

A new yoga class is beginning.

N. Niv-Vogel met with Floyd Carmen, Town Treasurer, and Kevin Looney regarding changes in the placePlaceNameSenior PlaceTypeCenter operating budget that might be anticipated with the opening of the new building in FY 2010.

The new van should arrive this coming Thursday.

In discussing changes in programming for when the new building opens Nava mentioned that the quality and variety of the home delivered meals should improve.

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE: Construction has begun. Ground is broken. A clerk of the works has been hired. The town is scheduled to take possession of the building on February 1, 2009.

FRIENDS OF COA: The groundbreaking ceremony and celebration were a great success. More pledges for financial contributions towards the new senior center have been paid since that event.

\$2,000 has been received in memory of Joe Horner. One possible use for this money might involve retaining the Mr. Fix-It concept- providing free labor with payment for materials. We will wait to discuss detailed potential use of the funds until Dr. Horner's family is consulted regarding their own wishes.

NEW BUSINESS: The open position for a board member will be filled in July by the Board of Selectmen. Recommendations will be made to the Board of Selectmen. They may have resumes already submitted. J. Semuels will contact Sandra Curro. COA board members should encourage interested people to send in a resume to the Board of Selectmen, attention Sandra Curro.

The COA Treasurer position will remain vacant until the October meeting, at which time an election will take place.

Town Day is May 17, with a rain date of May 18. We will have a table. Staffing will be discussed at the next meeting.

J. Kantor proposed COA participation in the Memorial Day parade. The Board suggested walking at Town Day behind the COA banner. B. Miranda moved that the COA encourage seniors to walk or run on Town Day with the COA banner. This was seconded by H. Kazarian and approved by the Board.

The staff appreciation luncheon will be held on Friday, May 30, at 12:00 P.M. Sign-ups for contributions will be taken at the next meeting.

It was announced that Common Cause gives an award for open government, and that Belmont was a recipient this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Hildy Dvorak