

**BELMONT COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
June 2, 2008**

**Present:** J. Bruschi, H. Dvorak, E. Hamann, N. Hegarty, J. Kantor, H. Kazarian, P. Solomon, J. Semuels, Chair, N. Niv-Vogel, Director

**Absent:** B. Miranda

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Accepted as written.

**Senior Concerns:** None.

**Announcements:** Gratitude for the staff was expressed by way of a staff appreciation luncheon, which took place at Town Hall on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Report:** Highlights were noted from the Director's written report. The single issue of concern was a discussion about the new van. A number of concerns have been raised by passengers who have trouble with the seat belts and accessibility. Possible safety issues will be further explored before any direct intervention is undertaken.

Negotiations are currently taking place regarding an extension on the lease for the current center. The archdiocese is still the landlord of the property, and Tom Younger, Town Administrator, is representing the Town in these negotiations.

**Springwell:** Springwell is completing its strategic planning of the trends in client needs over the next five years and the response of Springwell to meet these needs. A day long Springwell Board retreat is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> as the culmination of this process.

**Building Committee:** The committee is very satisfied with the construction progress. The foundation work is proceeding and the wood framing will follow shortly. There are weekly meetings on site that include relevant town staff, the General Contractor, Architect, Project Manager, Clerk of the Works, and Building Committee representation.

**Friends of the COA:** The Friends will be presenting the town with a check for \$750,000 at the next Board of Selectmen meeting as part of the pledge of one million dollars for the building project.

**Other Business:**

Hildy Dvorak announced that she will not be seeking re-appointment to the COA Board due to an extensive travel schedule. However, she agreed to stay on for another year if needed and if this would cause less disruption. There was a discussion about making suggestions to the Board of Selectmen for replacement members for the COA Board.

There was a discussion of the upcoming appointment of a Nominating Committee to recommend officers for the coming year. These appointments will be made at the July meeting and the committee will make its report at the September meeting for Board action at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Hegarty