

MINUTES OF THE BELMONT COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, July 13, 2009

Present: J. Bruschi (back for a visit), M. Cahalane, D. Dick, J. Kantor, H. Kazarian, A. Lougee, J. Morrison, A. Santoro Mullin, J. Semuels, P. Solomon, N. Niv-Vogel, Director
Absent: N. Hegarty

E. Hamann (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

In a salute to J. Bruschi's responsible and reliable presence on the COA Board for many years, all present acknowledged his dedication with a festive collation. A plaque is being ordered in recognition of his outstanding service.

Acceptance of Minutes: Anne Lougee mentioned that the Friends gave \$100,000 towards payment of the senior center construction as was formerly agreed upon. The minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended.

Senior Citizen Concerns: no concerns were reported at this time.

Reports and Correspondences: P. Solomon announced that the Springwell Board is still seeking an additional member.

On Friday, August 7 at 10 AM, Springwell will hold a free health lecture series at the Old Country Buffet in the Watertown Mall.

Director's Report: Nava reported that the fire chief recommends the purchase of a new, updated radio for dispatching transportation information for the vehicles, as a public safety measure. The cost is expected to be about \$5000. At present, this purchase request has been denied.

According to the Director of Building and Grounds, there is a fund designated as moving expenses of \$30,000 which covers items for the new building such as snow blowers, trash receptacles and other maintenance equipment. The move cost between \$3-4000 to the trailers cost between \$3-4000 but is expected to be much less for the next move, as virtually no furniture will be moved into the new building. With the approval from the board Nava will request clarification on how the purchase order of \$30,000 will be encumbered from the Town Accountant. The board unanimously agreed to support a Town funded purchase of a radio dispatch, and if needed, will write a supportive letter to the Town Administration to that effect. Also of concern to the board is how much custodial care will actually be allocated towards maintenance of the new building.

The Senior Center Building Committee: P. Solomon was very enthusiastic when describing the choice of the new furniture, the color scheme of the furniture and the facility in general.

Friends of the COA: The original dedication date has been changed from Oct. 4 to Sept. 26 because of a conflict with the dedication ceremony of the Belmont Media Organization.

The Fitness Room Policy Working Group: A survey to assess the preferences of the community for types of fitness programs and times they would like to use such a center was done. One of the interesting findings was that there was a significant group of people who are interested in using the facility before 8 AM and after 4 PM. Such requests are consistent with the recommendation of the after hours working group to expand hours of operation as requests come in. Nava has applied for a grant to pay for fitness equipment through the Friends' organization.

New Business: In scheduling FY'10 board meetings, Ethel Hamann, Chair, suggested that they continue to take place the first Monday of the month, with the obvious exception of state holidays and special town government events. The board will not meet in August. The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 14, since Labor Day is on the first Monday. Ethel Hamann appointed a nominating committee for Officer Elections in October. The committee consists of J. Kantor, J. Semuels, and P. Solomon. They will present the slate at our September 14 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kantor