

**Belmont Council on Aging Board Meeting**  
**Monday, September 12, 2011**  
**Beech Center**

Attendance: M. Cahalane, V. DeNovellis, C.M. Hegarty, A. Lougee, T. Olson, M. Scali, P. Schafer, Laurie Graham, Chair, School Committee, N.Niv-Vogel, Director

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

- **Senior Concerns:** The Director reviewed a matter that was positively dealt with regarding scheduling at the center. A Board member raised the possibility of offering ballroom dancing at the Center and the Director will explore its feasibility.
- **The Minutes** of the meeting of July 11, 2011 were approved as amended.

**2 General Announcements.**

3 Springwell: The agency continues its active involvement in alternative care for seniors who otherwise might be designated for possible nursing home care. The Director presented the Springwell/Massachusetts model at a conference on Ohio on 09-12-2011. The agency is also at the end of its present office lease and may be moving to a more financially favorable location.

• Director:

- The Board assignments for meeting minutes were established.

Board meetings for the year were established as follows:

October 3, 2011	March 5, 2012
November 7, 2011	April 9, 2012
December 5, 2011	May 7, 2012
January 9, 2012	June 4, 2012
February 6, 2012	July 9, 2012

- A Satisfaction Survey is presently being circulated. Members are encouraged to respond.

6 Fitness Facility. Discussion with the Waltham YMCA have been discontinued. The financial arrangement being discussed was not feasible. A new draft model for the fitness room was distributed and discussed at length. The Board's recommendations and comments will be taken into consideration in a new draft which will be forwarded by the Director to the Town administration and Town Counsel for consideration.

d. Rental Program A report on the Rental Program was distributed by the Director. There followed a discussion about the staff time needed to staff this program. It is projected that a 15 hour position will be necessary to continue the present program and seek increases in the future. While there has been a robust response in this first year of activity, the rental income does not cover the total costs of the program which include custodial time

and the staff time involved in site tours, scheduling, applicator processing and direct renter contact. It is the Town's objective to have use of the Center grow. In addition to outside rentals there are a number of town activities that are also expanding in use at the Center, An update will be provided at the next meeting.

e. Bocce Court. Design and town approvals have been secured but there is a problem with the site due to the in-ground lawn irrigation system. This would need to be relocated and the cost might be approximately \$1,500. The committee will continue to explore the feasibility of the court. The Director's Annual Review and the Budget Review Committee were tabled.

#### **4 New Business**

There was a presentation and discussion of recent collaboration efforts with the Recreation Department. There is synergy between the departments and areas of Collaboration will be further explored.

Note was made of the immanent achievement by the Beech Street Center as LEED Certified at the Silver level.

A by-law review discussion group was established with Michael Cahalane, Neil Hegarty, Anne Lougee, Penny Schafer, and Joel Semuels as members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as recorded and understood.

Cornelius M. Hegarty