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Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

The March 10, 2016 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair.

Those present were David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair; Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Vice Chair; Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S., Member (ETA 5:20 pm); Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk. Also present was Ms. Julie Lemay.

The February 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0.

The Receipts Report was reviewed.

Food Establishment Inspection reports completed by Mr. Jim Feeney were reviewed.

The Disease Report was reviewed, noting flu season is active. Ms. David said David Neylon, Public Health Nurse, provided helpful Zika information for students with travel plans.

The Board voted 3 -- 0 to approve Nomination of Inspector of Animal for Angela Braun.
The Board voted 3 -- 0 to approve Nomination of Inspector of Animal for Wesley Chin.
The Board voted 3 -- 0 to approve Nomination of Inspector of Animal for John Maguranis.

Ms. Braun summarized Title 5 issues recently brought to the attention of the Health Department at 1 Juniper Drive and 25 Somerset Street. Ms. Braun told the Board the property owner of 1 Juniper Drive is willing to enter into a Deed Restriction Agreement with the Town concerning the non-compliant septic system. The property at 25 Somerset Street is under review, and Town Counsel will be asked to provide an opinion concerning the non-compliant septic system. Ms. Braun advised the Board there may be other properties with non-compliant septic systems, and asked if a Board of Health policy/procedure should be followed. Dr. Alper suggested that each property be reviewed on a case by case basis, not institute a blanket policy. Ms. David also mentioned an ongoing sewer connection matter at 105 Juniper Road.

The Director's report was reviewed, with discussions including the Board of Selectmen budget hearing review, and the Belmont Food Collaborative Proposal to keep chickens at Victory Gardens at Rock Meadow. The Board voiced no objection to the keeping of chicken proposal summarized by Ms. Braun, but Dr. Alper said the usual Animal Permit Application and Permit process should apply to this pilot program. The opioid addiction and overdose crisis was discussed at length. Ms. Braun said the services of a consultant will begin in September, through a Mount Auburn Hospital substance abuse grant. The consultant will conduct an assessment of Belmont, and report on the community's needs. Dr. Alper said Belmont needs an opioid coordinator, and the idea should be brought forth to the Board of Selectmen expeditiously. Ms. Braun believes an assessment should be completed to show the numbers/needs of the Town before a request is made to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. David and Ms. Houtmeyers continued

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to ask questions and offer suggestions on best practices to obtain concrete information from Belmont's youth/families. Ms. Braun told the Board she has emailed a meeting request to Superintendent Phelan and will be contacting other key departments to discuss the ongoing crisis and substance abuse in Belmont. Dr. Alper said the issue needs to be addressed and something needs to be done. Dr. Alper asked Ms. Braun to poll the meeting attendees if they are on board to have a substance abuse coordinator work for the Town of Belmont.

The Director's Report review concluded with an update of a couple of hoarding cases, the Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Program, Purple Heart Ceremony, and Rabies Clinic.

The Assistant Director's Report was reviewed, and Dr. Alper likes the activity chart on the first page of the report. There was a concern about the outside rear property at Ohlin's bakery. Ms. Braun confirmed it's inspected during routine food inspection. Also discussed was hotel regulations and permitting.

The Youth and Family Services Report was reviewed. Dr. Alper praised the success of the Boy's Group.

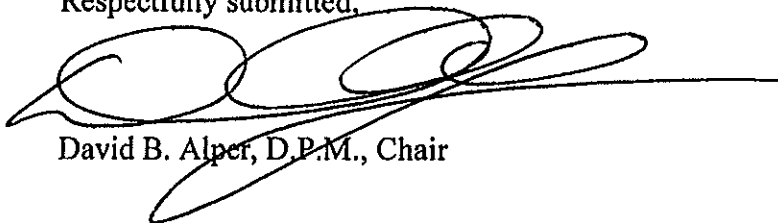
The Veterans' Services Officer's Report was reviewed, including Memorial Day Parade and Purple Heart Ceremony planning activities.

The next Board of Health Meetings are scheduled for April 13, 2016 and May 11, 2016, at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Dr. Alper thanked Ms. Deirdre Houtmeyers for her hard work and dedication as a Board of Health Member. Ms. Houtmeyers will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Alper', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair