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Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2016

The May 11, 2016 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:32 pm 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; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Member; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Wesley Chin, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Also present for part of the Meeting were Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Town Clerk; Ms. Tommasina Olson, Belmont Housing Authority, Member; Janet Amdur, Youth and Family Services Coordinator; James Feeney, Food Establishment Inspector; Elizabeth Primerano, Director, Belmont Hill Club; Belmont Hill Club Members (see sign in sheet).

Ms. Ellen O'Brien Cushman spoke about the Off Leash Permit Program, specifically the number of resident and Town Meeting member concerns she has heard, and providing a brief history of the original Goosebuster Program. Board members suggested Ms. O'Brien Cushman direct Off Leash Permit Program concerns to Health Department staff. Dr. Alper said an agenda item will be added to the next scheduled Board of Health Meeting to receive public input concerning the Program.

Ms. Tommasina Olson asked for information concerning the role of the Health Department in matters concerning Belmont Housing Authority properties. Ms. Braun said the state sanitary code is followed for all Belmont residents. There was also a brief discussion relating to possibly instituting a smoke free policy at public housing properties. Ms. Olson made a request to have a monthly report of Belmont Housing property complaints/concerns forwarded to her.

Mr. Jim Feeney was introduced to Board members. Mr. Feeney has been contracted by the Town of Belmont Health Department to conduct food establishment inspections. Mr. Feeney provided his background experience as it relates to food inspections. The Board was pleased with Mr. Feeney's food establishment inspections to date.

Lifeguard regulations were discussed. Ms. Braun provided a summary of the State's recommendation for the presence of lifeguards at semi-public/public pools. Belmont Hill Club ("BHC") has a program known as the "buddy system" in which Members are allowed to swim with a buddy without an on-duty lifeguard present. Ms. Primerano provided details of BHC's current pool usage policy, and noted there have been no negative incidents using the "buddy system" in lieu of lifeguards. Following extensive discussion, BHC will amend current signage relating to lifeguards on/off duty, and add language to current BHC pool policy concerning swimming without a lifeguard on duty. The Annual Pool Permit issued by the Health Department will also specify hours in which lifeguards are on or off duty.

Janet Amdur spoke about current projects: end of grant report for the Stress Less Campaign mental health grant, grant application for hoarding/decluttering program, a substance abuse

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grant, and set up of a mock bedroom to make parents aware of a teenage substance abuser, which will be filmed with Belmont Media Center. Board members were pleased with Janet's progress with all these projects.

The Town Sewer Connection at 105 Juniper Road was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Receipt and Expense reports were reviewed.

The Director's report was reviewed. Ms. Braun provided details concerning approval of the purchase of an Animal Control van; Health Department will not host a table at Town Day this year; Household Hazardous Waste; Intern interviews for environmental and substance abuse tasks; Cushing Village neighbors meeting, Farmers Market, and the Purple Heart Ceremony.

The Public Health Nurse/Disease Reports were reviewed.

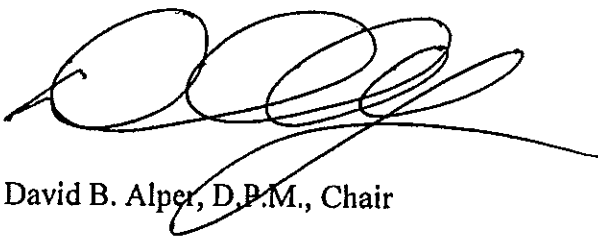
The Assistant Director's report was reviewed. Mr. Chin provided details concerning the status of Ohlin's Bakery; Linda's Donuts re-inspection; a waterfall issue at a Somerset Street residence; and a complaint concerning an overflow of items in the collection bins at St. Joseph Church.

The April 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The next Board of Health Meetings is scheduled for June 20, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David B. Alper', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

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