

Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2017

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The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5:29 pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Vice Chair; David B. Alper, D.P.M., Member; Wesley B. Chin, Assistant Health Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Board Members welcomed Mr. Victor Leon of Foodies Marketplace. Mr. Leon said Foodie's soft opening was a success, and people are still discovering Foodies. Mr. Leon was glad Foodies opened, following a two year building process. Wesley Chin said the marketplace is a beautiful facility. Dr. Alper asked if the layout differed from other Foodie's locations, to which Mr. Leon responded the Belmont location is in the middle as far as the size of Foodie's stores. Mr. Leon said food is prepared at the store, they have hired locally, and parking has not been a problem. Mr. Leon asked the Board about placing tables outside. Mr. Leon was advised to begin his inquiry with the Zoning Department. Also, brief discussions concerning the dumpster pick up time (has improved), grease trap maintenance, and rodent/pest control reports. Ms. David encouraged Mr. Leon to use Health Department staff for assistance.

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the Town Sewer Connection at 69 Stony Brook Road.

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the April 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented.

The Board requests confirmation that off leash permit signage has been installed at the parks approved for the Off Leash Permit Program.

Board Members welcomed Mr. Chris Abouzeit, Owner and Ms. Audrey Cocci, Manager, of Belmont Book Stores. Mr. Abouzeit said he had a table at Town Day, and received positive response from visitors to the table. Plans for the café have been approved. Coffee and locally purchased pastries will be served. There are 17 seats available in the café. There are four employees with ServSafe certification. Belmont Book Store will be open 7 days per week from 7 am to 7 pm, Thursday's until 9:00 pm. Ms. David thanked Mr. Abouzeit and Ms. Cocci for meeting the Board and encouraged them to use Health Department staff for assistance.

The Receipts report was reviewed.

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The Director's report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- The Belmont Health Department used funds from the Mount Auburn Hospital Community Health Department grant to purchase a supply of Narcan (Naloxone) for the Police Department.
- The DPH's Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management's (OPEM) alert concerning the synthetic opioid Carfentanyl was discussed. Dr. Alper also talked about a non-narcotic pain reliever, Gabapentin (generic name), being used by youth. Gabapentin, taken with alcohol, may increase the effect of alcohol.
- There has been no input from BOS for a job description of a substance abuse consultant, or contractor, for the Town, and which department would oversee the position. Dr. Alper will revisit this issue in 2018/2019.
- The public records law was briefly discussed.
- Town Day summary was discussed. Pamphlets offered by the Health Department were not taken by passersby. Board members decided the Health Department will not be present at next year's Town Day, but the Board wants John Maguranis there.
- The issue concerning dumpsters being emptied too early was discussed. Current regulations include the requirement that dumpsters are to be locked at all times that a permitted business is closed. Permitted businesses will be encouraged to contact their dumpster company when the Health Department receives a complaint about emptying of a dumpster in the early morning/late evening hours.
- BYOB is becoming more popular. Any restaurant with seating that doesn't have a liquor license can advertise for BYOB.
- Health Department staff will log all new nuisance complaints received for 12 Merrill Avenue before filing a court case.

The Assistant Director's report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- Food establishment inspections were discussed. Dr. Alper said representatives of three food establishments (Stonehearth Pizza, Comella's, and Bruegger's) are required to attend the June Board of Health meeting to discuss recent critical violations noted during inspections.
- The School Food Rescue program was discussed, noting the concerns of transporting the food.
- Tobacco Control – the Board wants to include another amendment to the current tobacco regulations: Cap the number of permits issued in Belmont, to the current number issued(13). The amendment should also include language that permits are non-transferrable, and must be returned to the Belmont Board of Health.
- Wesley talked about the Lake Street trash complaint. Staff determined the trash was not a nuisance, as it was being stored on private property.

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The Disease and Nurse's reports were reviewed.

Julie Lemay will attend another Recreation Commission meeting to discuss allowing the use of personal flotation devices (PFD) at the Underwood Pool.

The Youth and Family Services report was reviewed. The Golden Shoes program is winding down.

The Animal Control report was reviewed. The Board offered their congratulations to John Maguranis for being chosen by the State of MA (MA Animal Fund) to be a trainer for Animal Control Officer's in Massachusetts. John's class will be "The Eastern Coyote & ACO's."

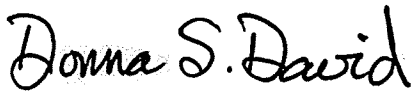
The Veterans' Services Officer report was reviewed. Board members were happy to read that Bob Upton continues efforts to identify Belmont Veterans interested in attending the Honor Flight New England opportunity.

The Board voted 3-0 to accept the Beekeeping Policy as presented.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2017 at 5:30 pm, and July 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna S. David".

Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair