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Board of Health Meeting Minutes May 28, 2015

The May 28, 2015 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Vice Chair; Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S., Member; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Wesley Chin, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk. Absent was David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair.

Board Members welcomed Ms. Sasirat Wyekoff, President of Tony G's Barbecue, 289 Belmont Street, and reminded Ms. Wyekoff the Health Department was available for assistance they may need for the new food establishment.

The April 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0, noting the following revision: David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair as author of said Minutes from Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Staff reports were reviewed. It was noted the Receipts Report had a significant increase from the prior month as a result of the number of Food Establishment Permits processed.

The Director's Report was discussed including recent fire incidents in Town, Town Day and Memorial Day Parade successes, discussion about reorganizing cemetery duties for future Memorial Day preparation to possibly include Belmont Hill School student service hours, Flett Road and Beech Street housing matters, and PGA Event inspections.

The Assistant Director's Report was discussed including off site training Wesley has attended, food inspections completed, overview of McLean Hospital biotechnology inspection. Wesley also told Board Members of a meeting he was in the process of coordinating with the new Tobacco Compliance Coordinator, with one of the talking points to include the sale of flavored tobacco products. Wesley also talked about reaching out and meeting with surrounding town's to learn about the process they use relating to hoarding matters.

The Disease Report was discussed, specifically the reportable disease of granulocytic anaplasmosis. Angela Braun noted the harsh winter contributed to the increased population of ticks. The topic was also discussed at the Massachusetts Medical Society "Preparing for Infectious Disease in a Disaster & Beyond," attended by Board of Health Members, Donna David and Dr. Alper.

The Animal Report was discussed including the Off Leash Permit Program, which led to a detailed discussion about geese damage management.

The Food Report and Veterans' Services Report were reviewed.

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The Youth and Family Services Report was reviewed. Donna David would like to share a video, pertaining to bullying, with Janet Amdur. The Youth and Family Services Grant Fund was discussed, and the need for the Health Department to develop protocol for the Fund.

The letter from the Department of Public Health Community Sanitation Program regarding the Approved Conditional Underwood Public Pool Variance was reviewed.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2015 and July 22, 2015.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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