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Board of Health Meeting Minutes July 21, 2015

The July 21, 2015 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 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; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Wesley Chin, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Board Members welcomed David Neylon, R.N., CIC, REHS, Town of Belmont Public Health Nurse. Talking points relating to the "Belmont Sustainable Flu Vaccine Campaign" follow:

- Dates and location Health Department staff to contact Beth El Temple for possible October dates.
- Advertise –Local media, Beech Street Center, Dr. Alper will distribute handout to Religious Council, etc.
- Staffing Contact Leo Saidnaway, BEMA, nursing school students; need credentials of persons who will administer vaccine.
- Reimbursement Hire a vendor to file insurance claim.
- Report Board members asked David to provide a written report when the flu clinic is complete.

David also talked about the new requirements/recommendations for storing vaccine. Health Department staff is in the process of obtaining approval to use emergency preparedness grant funds to purchase a new vaccine storage unit.

The Disease Report was reviewed. David noted that many lyme disease tests are being done, but no positive results reported.

The June 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Receipts Report was reviewed.

The Food Inspection Report was reviewed, and it was noted that a significant number of food establishments required re-inspection. Dr. Alper said if Health Department staff believe a food establishment would benefit by closing for a cleaning day, approval by the Board of Health would not be required. Also, a budget item for a food consultant should be planned for the next fiscal year.

The Director's Report was reviewed which included documentation submitted in connection with Belmont's participation in Region 4B Public Health Coalition for emergency preparedness, attendance of a meeting concerning closed pods, Animal Control emergency preparedness guideline, Memorial Day Parade planning options, the date for Belmont to work at the

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Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste is Sunday, September 13th, and a request for Angela to review the policy relating to the procedure to be used by the Animal Control Officer for euthanizing animals.

There was a discussion relating to Belmont Veterans' Services becoming part of a district.

The Assistant Director's Report was reviewed with discussions concerning food inspections, complaints, and tobacco compliance.

The Animal Control Officer Report was reviewed, noting the dog rescue story in Arlington.

There was a discussion about National Grid's response of a grade 2 gas leak, as reported by a Belmont resident.

Donna David asked if a green tag was left at the property located at the corner of Belmont Street and Poplar Street for overgrown grass.

Meet Belmont is August 25, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Chenery School.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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