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The December 11, 2013 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:00pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair, David B. Alper, D.P.M., Vice Chair, Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S., Member, Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director, Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director, Janet Amdur, LICSW, EdM, John Maguranis, ACO and VSO, Maria E. Reddington, Clerk.

The Meeting Minutes from November 2013 were approved unanimously.

The Disease Report was reviewed. Stefan provided the Board details surrounding a telephone call from the MA Dept. of Health, TB Division and patient coverage provided by the State in the event the Public Health Nurse is not available.

John Maguranis presented accomplishments and goals relating to his role as the Animal Control Officer and Veterans' Service Officer. Highlights of John's presentation included coyote education (a summary of resident concerns about coyotes was handed out), monitoring of public parks which has resulted in issuing fewer dog citations, Goosebusters Permit program, emergency preparedness for animals, and establishing the American Legion Rider's Chapter in Belmont. The Board praised John for his hard work and dedication.

Janet Amdur presented accomplishments and goals relating to her role as the Youth and Family Services Coordinator. Highlights of Janet's presentation included several intergenerational programs well received by participants, agency referrals for residents struggling economically, a Belmont Art Council grant for the Trapelo Road mural project, and clinical work. The Board praised Janet for her hard work and dedication.

The Director's Report (all reports on file in the Health Department) was discussed. Stefan spoke of the City of Cambridge assisting in the Veterans' Service Officer interview process, the budget process, and a request to have an executive session at the next Board of Health meeting to discuss the Director's transition in 2014. Dr. Alper will meet with Michael Libenson to discuss the Health Department under the Public Safety versus Culture and Recreation. Questions regarding the biotechnology inspection and reporting were discussed. Donna David would like to review the most recent reports.

The Assistant Director's Report, Animal Control Officer's Report and Veteran Service Officer's Report were reviewed.

Dr. Alper spoke about smoke free housing, and asked Angela Braun to attend an upcoming meeting to facilitate presentation to Belmont Housing Authority.

A brief discussion arose regarding odor suppression systems in restaurants.

The Board voted and approved unanimously the variance from the State Plumbing Code for a drinking fountain at 64 Concord Avenue.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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