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The October 22, 2012 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:20 pm by Dr. Robert M. Eisendrath, Member.

Those present were David Alper, D.P.M., Chair, Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Vice Chair, Robert M. Eisendrath, M.D., Member, Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director, Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director, John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer & Veterans Service Officer, Ellen O'Doherty, Clerk.

Mr. James Bramante, owner of "Café Burrito" was welcomed by the Board. The Board stated they were looking forward to a long prosperous relationship with the new Mexican eatery. Mr. Bramante thanked the Board and said that business had been great since opening and possibly would be looking to expand in the future. The Board thanked Mr. Bramante for attending.

The Public Hearing for Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins, 90 Richardson Road regarding their German Shepard was called to order at 5:30 pm. John Maguranis gave a synopsis of the issues with the dog and a summary of training methods and behavior modification that would be effective. Members of the Public spoke regarding their experiences with the dog, Mrs. Malcolm stated her dog was attacked and seriously injured and that there were three or four other incidences that had never been officially reported. Ms. Freidburg relayed her story about the dog "lunging" at her dog "Buddy" as she was walking by. Mr. Hawkins stated that training had already begun and using a "pinch" collar showed an immediate response by the dog. A discussion was held regarding muzzles with the pros and cons of what happens to a dog's behavior once muzzled. More discussion ensued with the final Order of the Board of Health being, 1. The dog is to continue training at least once a week and it will be revisited in 2 months. 2. John Maguranis will monitor the training and observe the owners and dog walker walking the dog to ensure the training is effective and report back to the Board of Health. All agreed this was a viable solution. Hearing adjourned at 6:04 pm. The Coyote Management Plan was discussed and is fully supported by the Board and they would like to see a front page summary at the beginning of the plan. The Animal Control Officer will provide the summary.

Janet Amdur, Social Worker, Youth & Family Services, made a presentation of new upcoming events she has scheduled for Belmont residents including a "Healthy Eating" program and a new mural at the Belmont Studio Cinema on the exterior wall. The Board thanked her for coming to do the presentation.

Staff reports (on file in the Health Department) were reviewed and discussed. FY 13 budget is on target and preparations are beginning for the FY 14 budget.

A discussion was held regarding banning tobacco sales in pharmacies and the Board was not in favor of pursuing it.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for November 15, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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