

The February 27, 2012 meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:28 pm by David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair.

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

The Hearing for Peter Fan, owner of the dog "Bagel" was called to order at 5:29 pm. Mr. Fan and his two young children were present. The Animal Control Officer explained that because of the two dog bites on record a Hearing before the Board of Health was required. Mr. Fan presented a letter from "Magical Mutt" a dog training company that has begun working with "Bagel" and the family for better discipline and control. The Board was pleased that this has already been started and re-iterated the fact that if there were any more incidents of biting then there would be a hearing to decide if the dog would be allowed to remain in Belmont. The Board ordered that Mr. Fan continue to work with the trainer and that "Bagel" was to be on leash and under control at all times, even in their own yard (because of the history of running out of the yard). The Hearing was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

The Animal Control Officer asked the Board to consider drafting a "Coyote Management Policy" in the near future, the Board will look into it.

The Hearing for Marta Gonzalez will be rescheduled to the March 2012 meeting of the Board of Health.

The Disease and Receipts reports were reviewed. The Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) was discussed along with a discussion about a "Health Educator" and what that position would entail. The Assistant Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) was discussed as well as the Food Inspection Report.

The Animal Control Officer's Report and Veterans Service Officer Report were discussed including the deficit in the Veterans Recipient account.

The Youth & Family Services Report was discussed and the Board thought the format was easy to read and understand.

The Draft of "Regulations Governing the Keeping of Exotic, Non Domestic and Farm Animals" was discussed briefly. The Director is still waiting for a response from Town Counsel in order to proceed. If Town Counsel returns them in time there will be a Public Hearing at the April 2012 meeting of the Board of Health for public input.

The Board of Health voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:40 pm.

No motions or votes were taken during Executive Session, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:55 pm. The Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

