

The March 29, 2012 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:29 pm by David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair.

The Hearing for Marta Gonzalez, relative to her dog "Rex", was opened at 5:30 pm. Ms. Gonzalez did not appear, neighbors and members of the public were present to comment. John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer, gave a summary of the background and history of the dog as well as recommendations for the Board to consider. Neighbors stated ongoing issues with the dog owner and lack of responsibility as well as unreported bites, additionally they reported an increase in the number of dogs off leash in their neighborhood and dog owners not picking up after their dogs.

The Board ordered Ms. Gonzalez to:

#1. Attend an administrative hearing at the Health Department with the Director and Animal Control Officer.

#2 Enroll the dog in a training class approved by the Animal Control Officer by April 6, 2012.

#3 Dog to be on leash at all times unless in the owner's fenced property.

#4 Closure to all these issues before the April 30, 2012 meeting of the Board of Health. Should there be any more incidents the Board will refer it to the Board of Selectmen for further action.

The Board was extremely disappointed that Ms. Gonzalez did not attend the Hearing since it had been re-scheduled to accommodate her schedule and would like that expressed in writing along with the Orders from the Board of Health. Hearing adjourned at 5:50 pm.

There was no public input regarding the "Body Works Regulations", a motion was made to approve the regulations with an effective date of July 1, 2012, all in favor.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from February 2012, all in favor.

The Disease and Receipts reports were reviewed with again a notable increase in LTBI cases.

The Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) was reviewed with a few additions, "Yours Chinese" is closed, the Senior Health Fair was somewhat well attended and a press release is forthcoming regarding mosquito control.

Ellen Brandt, Manager of "Moozy's" arrived and shortly thereafter Dante Muzzioli arrived, owner of "Moozy's". The Board welcomed them and was pleased that the former Brigham's space was renovated. They described how operating a food establishment in Belmont works and that the Health Department staff was always available to help with any issues. Mr. Muzzioli stated he was very excited to have this new business and was looking forward to a successful venture in town. Ms. Brandt and Mr. Muzzioli thanked the Board and staff and left.

The Assistant Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) and Food Inspection Reports were discussed and the new restaurant "Sweet Peach" is making progress.

The Animal Control Officers Report was reviewed and the Board nominated John Maguranis as Animal Inspector and Stefan Russakow and Angela Braun as alternate Animal Inspectors. Vote was unanimous.

The Veteran's Officer Report was discussed as well as budget issues in the current fiscal year and fiscal 13' relative to Veterans Benefits.

The Youth and Family Services Report was discussed.

A draft re-organizational chart was discussed with possible incorporation of the council on aging as mentioned by the Warrant sub-committee.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 30, 2012 at 5:30 pm. If the draft regulations for the "Governing the Keeping of Exotic, Non Domestic and Farm Animals" is returned from town counsel then the meeting will also be a Public Hearing for public input relative to the above mentioned regulations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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