

The May 12, 2011 board of Health meeting was called to order at 5:16 PM.

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

The April 13, 2011 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The Hearing for Belmont Pizza was opened at 5:16 pm. Jason Alch, Owner, was present. The Board stated their concern for the decline in cleanliness, food handling as well as other issues occurring over the past few months. Jason stated he was aware of the seriousness of the issues and is working to correct them including hiring "Gloria Cleaning Company" to assist in regular cleaning. Jason also states he has assigned opening and closing duties for employees. The Board stated they would like to see Jason use more of his management skills in delegating the workload instead of trying to do everything himself. The Board also stated that if more critical violations were found then they would be forced to close the establishment one day per week in order to ensure that cleaning is being done. The Board ordered monthly inspections to be performed and the fee to be paid by Belmont Pizza. The Hearing was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

The Animal Control Officer's Report was reviewed and discussion ensued about the request by the Town Clerk for the Health Department to issue citations for residents who failed to renew their animal licenses. The Board stated that we are the enforcement agency should we find people without current licenses but the Health Department is not the licensing agency and therefore follow up and reminders, etc. should be done by the Town Clerk and her staff.

The Disease and Receipts Reports were reviewed.

The Director's Report was discussed as well as different rumors of consolidation and/or regionalization. The Board will be pro-active in any type of consolidation and will have it as a regular agenda item for future meetings.

Leigh Mansberger, M.D., M.P.H., Region 4b gave a very comprehensive presentation about what Region 4B is, the role Belmont has in it and the role that the Board of Health and Health Department have. Discussion was also held regarding animal sheltering given the number of domestic pets there are in every town. The Board thanked Dr. Mansberger for such an informative session and requested that she come back and do a presentation at a future Selectmen's Meeting, she agreed.

The Assistant Director's Report and Food Inspection Report were discussed. Problems with some Ice Cream Truck vendors have already begun and some may be invited to the June Board of Health meeting.

The Youth & Family Services Report was discussed, the Board thought it was a great report and really liked the changes to the format.

A discussion was held regarding banning tobacco sales in pharmacies, as some other communities are doing. The Board will not pursue that at this time.

A draft organizational chart referencing department consolidation was discussed and more information is needed. It will be discussed again in the future.

The next monthly meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for June 6, 2011 at 5:15 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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