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Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2016

The October 18, 2016 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 pm by David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair.

Those present were David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair; Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Vice Chair; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Member; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk. Also present for part of the Meeting were John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer; Ms. Mary Bradley.

The September 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The September 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Recreation Commission/Board of Health Joint Meeting) were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2017 was reviewed. Ms. Lemay asked if the Tobacco Permit fee was in line with surrounding towns. Ms. Braun answered that it was.

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There was a review and update concerning K9 Bassanio, owned by Ms. Mary Bradley. John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer (ACO) told Board Members he felt the recommendations included in the veterinarian reports were reasonable. Dr. Alper asked if Bassanio was in pain. John said he has heard the dog moan and has seen a display of limping, but it may be a medication issue. John said the timeframe of Bassanio's surgery was a critical time for him to be socialized. John feels Bassanio is a good dog, but is reactive to certain people and Ms. Bradley needs to be responsible. Ms. Donna David asked if Ms. Bradley was making a request for Bassanio to not wear a muzzle while at friends' homes. Dr. Alper said Bassanio is a dog that bites and needs firm restraint. The Town is exposed, and the Board's first concern is public safety. Ms. Julie Lemay agrees with Dr. Alper – Bassanio was off leash and bit people. Ms. Angela Braun suggested the Board review the 7 points listed in the veterinarian's report to generate a revised Order. It was also suggested to revisit the case in approximately two months, pending review of a professional trainer's report. As discussion continued concerning points to be added to the revised Order for Bassanio, Ms. Mary Bradley joined the Meeting. Ms. Bradley told the Board her first concern is community safety, but she also wants Bassanio socialized.

The revised Order letter concerning Bassanio shall include the following:

- No Off Leash Dog Permit will be issued to Bassanio.
- John Maguranis, ACO, shall confirm adequate fencing is present at 12 Leslie Road. Upon confirmation of same, Bassanio can be off leash and un-muzzled in the yard with a person 16 years of age or older.
- Signage, which states there is a dog on the premises, posted at all entries of the home and yard.
- Bassanio should be leashed or behind a gate when people are invited to enter your home.

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- Bassanio must be muzzled with a fitted and secure basket muzzle, and leashed, except when on your private property at 12 Leslie Road. Dog walkers must be Ms. Mary Bradley, or Mr. Hurley, or responsible person 18 years or older.
- Bassanio may be unleashed and un-muzzled when he is under direct supervision of a professional dog trainer or veterinary professional for evaluation/training in a secure area.
- Ms. Mary Bradley shall enroll Bassanio in training to address fear aggression and appropriate avoidance and behavior modification. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) must approve the certified dog trainer you choose. Please forward all training reports to the ACO for review.

There was a review and update concerning K9 Louie, owned by William Russo:

- John Maguranis, ACO, told Board members a behaviorist evaluation was to be conducted October 17<sup>th</sup> or October 18<sup>th</sup>, and no report had been received to date.
- John said the fencing project was still under way.
- John has not received additional complaints concerning Louie.
- John maintains that Louie's issue probably stems from being a rescue dog and being bounced around from home to home, and he may be "territory" aggressive.
- The Board voted 3 – 0 to continue the current Order issued September 15, 2016. The Order will be reviewed upon review of a report from a professional trainer/behaviorist.

The topic of Honey Bee Regulation/Policy was briefly discussed. Everyone agreed this is an important regulation to insure all honey bee hives are registered with the Belmont Health Department, and annually inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. John Maguranis, ACO, is eager to learn more about the keeping of honey bees, and offered his assistance with this project. An informational session/public hearing will be scheduled in January/February 2017.

The Animal Control Officer report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- Details concerning several animal Complaints.
- John may microchip pets at an upcoming Rabies Clinic.
- John and Wesley Chin, Assistant Health Director recently met with staff at Belmont Media Center to explore filming an animal-type show for local broadcasting - John could wear a GoPro for filming real rescues.
- John retracted his request for permission to carry a firearm.

The Receipts report was reviewed.

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The Director's report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- There will be a request for a Permit for the Keeping of Chickens at Rock Meadow, pending possible Special Permit requirements from Planning and Zoning.
- The Department will participate in the MA Electric Vehicle Incentive Program for a plug-in hybrid vehicle for a free three year lease (up to \$7500). This vehicle will allow all staff (VSO, RN, Social Worker) access to a vehicle. Board members were in favor of the Health Department's participation in the Program.
- Moozy's may be filing a Plan Review for restaurant expansion. Will the Board grant Moozy's a FOG regulation variance, due to a 5 year moratorium for digging up the road in the area?
- The complaint concerning a wood burning odor from Mark & Toni's was investigated several times. Health Dept. staff determined the odor was not a nuisance.
- Hynes Collision Center – Health Dept. staff has received confirmation that corrective actions have been met.
- El Centro was seen unloading PHF's from the back of an unrefrigerated van.

The Assistant Director's report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- Two pre-operational inspections were conducted at Shine's Gourmet Foods.
- Winn Street area rats and problematic compost bins found at 5 nearby properties.
- Discussion concerning a complaint received about a Trapelo Road property in disrepair, and the property owner's question concerning the authority of the Health Department to investigate said complaint.
- The Food Establishment Inspection Report was reviewed, and Dr. Alper suggested the Report looked "thin." Angela said the Report may include food establishments no longer required to have food inspections i.e., some religious facilities, halls, etc. Angela said the inspection report would be reviewed and edited as needed.

The Disease and Public Health Nurse reports were reviewed.

The Youth and Family Services report was reviewed, with the following topic discussed:

- Janet Amdur, Youth and Family Services Coordinator, and Belmont Media Center were in the process of filming a Public Service Announcement "Hidden in Plain Sight" at Dr. Alper's home. This important PSA is an aid for parents to gain awareness of teen substance abuse behaviors.

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The Veterans' Services Officer report was reviewed, with the following topics discussed:

- Board members offered their congratulations to Bob Upton, VSO, on being recognized by Care Dimensions for his service and commitment to Veterans. Mr. Peter Struzziero, Belmont Library Director, nominated Bob for this award.
- Board members also recognized Bob's efforts in identifying Belmont's World War II and Korean War Veterans who may have in interest in attending an upcoming trip to Washington D.C. with Honor Flight New England.

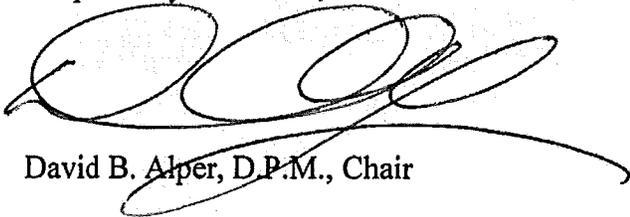
The Opioid Survey was positively received by Board members. They were pleased to know the Survey would be available for residents to complete at the Community Flu Clinic, and during Early Voting hours at the Town Clerk's office.

The meet and greet for Belmont Juice Bar will be added to the November Agenda, as Mr. O'Brien was not able to attend the October 18, 2016 Meeting.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm. at Patou Thai Restaurant, 69 Leonard Street, Belmont, MA.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David B. Alper', written over a horizontal line.

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