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Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2016

The November 16, 2016 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at Patou Thai Restaurant, 69 Leonard Street, Belmont at 6:00 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; Wesley Chin, M.P.H., Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

The Board welcomed Mr. David O'Brien of Green Light of Belmont to the meeting. Mr. O'Brien enthusiastically provided personal background, and the history of his establishment. Dr. Alper asked Mr. O'Brien if his staff were as knowledgeable as he. Mr. O'Brien answered that his staff were knowledgeable, but he would be in the Belmont location often. Ms. Lemay asked where the products are made, and Mr. O'Brien said the products are made in Marshfield and inspected by Marshfield Health Department inspectors. Ms. David asked if Mr. O'Brien held certifications, licenses, or other credentials to support the advice he provides to clients. Board members cautioned Mr. O'Brien of making claims of medicinal value of the products he sells. Board members wished Mr. O'Brien success with the opening of his establishment next week, and encouraged him to contact Health Department staff if he had any questions.

The October 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

There was a discussion about canine "Louis" Russo, which included review of a Behavior Assessment & Recommendations Report authored by Dr. Terri Bright, Director of Behavior Services at MSPCA – Angell Boston. The following is a summary of discussion points:

- Dr. Alper has a concern about owner Dan Russo being the "trainer" of Louis. He feels there are no checks and balances. Animal Control Officer John Maguranis' opinion is Dan Russo is capable of training Louis.
- Ms. Lemay noted the preferred canine training, Fair Pair, would be used by Dan Russo, as recommended in the report.
- Ms. David suggested that a behaviorist, or certified trainer, should provide training "checks" for Louis.
- The Board members agreed that Mr. Dan Russo must continue to use a muzzle on Louis at all times when not on his property.
- ACO John Maguranis and Board members must be provided an evaluation report from a qualified trainer **at least once every 6 weeks.**

The Receipts report was reviewed.

The Expense report was reviewed.

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

- Angela offered a reminder to follow telephone and/or email instructions during a call down drill from Region 4B Health and Homeland Network (HHAN).
- Angela summarized the Wastewater Management meeting she attended, and the Health Department's role in insuring the FOG (Fats, Oil, Grease) regulations are being followed by food establishments. The Health Department will conduct thorough assessments, provide education materials, and require periodic inspections by grease management professionals.
- Fiscal year 2018 budget preparation has begun.
- Delivery of the new ACO vehicle has been delayed due to a faulty interior frame. Installation will commence upon receipt of the new part.
- Angela will draft a policy concerning the keeping of honeybees in Belmont.
- The Danish Pastry Shop from Watertown may occupy the former Ohlin's Bakery location.
- There have been no updates concerning a food establishment expansion at Moozy's.
- The last Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste drop off for 2016 was Saturday, November 12, 2016, and 580 cars participated in the event.
- Dr. Alper was concerned about 2 critical violations found during the last inspection at El Centro restaurant.
- There are no new complaints concerning the odor from Hynes Collision Center on Flett Road.
- Details concerning housing issues can be found in the Director's report.
- Ms. Jill Block and Health Department staff met November 15<sup>th</sup> in connection with the Mt. Auburn Opioid Assessment Grant. Ms. Block shared her summary of the key informant interviews she conducted.
- Angela briefly talked about the proposed off-leash permit signs.

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

- Wesley is pleased that Jim Feeney's inspection report of Linda's Donuts continues to show improvement. Wesley is waiting for the owner to provide an update about a new refrigeration unit.
- Wesley suggested this would be a good time to amend current tobacco regulations to ban the sale of tobacco products in Belmont pharmacies. Current businesses will not be adversely affected by this amendment. Board members agreed to proceed with the amendment. Wesley will contact Ms. Natalie Miller, Coordinator of the Tobacco Control Program.
- Jim Feeney conducted a re-inspection of Theo's Pizzeria and found the driveway was partially cleaned, but not much else was improved upon from the first inspection performed by Angela and Wesley. A re-inspection will be performed soon.

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- The foodborne illness complaint at Greg's restaurant was inconclusive. Jim Feeney conducted a re-inspection of the establishment and did not find food code violations.
- Update concerning the Washington Street rat situation – pursuant to the request of a property owner, John Maguranis inspected the property for rodent harborage. He also learned the property owner was fostering goats, but they would be leaving the property within a week or two.
- The opioid survey results were discussed. Wesley said there are more results to be tabulated. An informational meeting will be scheduled for some time in January. Donna David asked if James MacIsaac, BPD Assistant Chief would be available to attend a meeting. Dr. Alper asked if Jill Block could meet jointly with Board of Health and the School Committee.
- Wesley shared his observations of Angela's professionalism and kindness in working with housing (cluttering) complaints. Board members appreciated Wesley sharing his thoughts, and agreed with him that Angela is one of the best.

The Disease and Public Health Nurse reports were reviewed. Dr. Alper asked if the Health Department should host another flu clinic next year. Angela replied we would need Belmont school collaboration in order to make it a success. The topic will be revisited soon.

The Youth and Family Services report was reviewed. Dr. Alper complimented the wide range of projects Janet Amdur is working on. The Hidden in Plain Sight Public Service Announcement was a success.

The Animal Control Officer report was reviewed.

The Veterans' Services Officer report was reviewed. The nearly completed project by Eagle Scout Candidate Oliver Leeb was excellent.

There was a discussion concerning the Cushing Square project and possible environmental issues. Belmont resident Mr. Koplow has reached out to Dr. Alper with some concerns, and has made a request to have Health Department Staff oversee the project. Ms. Julie Lemay said the Town is not directly involved with 21E (MA Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act) matters, the DEP oversees 21E matters. Ms. Lemay did suggest the project's health and safety plan be reviewed. Dr. Alper asked Ms. Lemay if she would be the point person to communicate with citizen concerns, to which she agreed.

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Board members offered the following summary of their attendance at the Annual MA Health Board Certificate Program:

- Ms. Julie Lemay said this was the first Program she has attended. She found the subject of an appointed versus elected Board very interesting. She suggested Health Department staff create an informational brochure to aid in the transition of newly elected Board of Health members. The brochure could include contact information; job descriptions; summary of pressing matters and legal issues; and health services.
- Ms. Donna David attended a session on violence; a session on biting, which taught that a victim of an animal bite can request the pet be euthanized and tested for rabies, if no proof of rabies vaccination is available; a session on Public Health preparedness and the importance of table top exercises. She asked if the Town had an identification system in place for at-risk residents who may need assistance during an emergency event. Angela said an ID system would fall under BEMA.
- Dr. Alper talked about the sessions he attended, including: Hiring Licensed Site Professional's (LSP) for regulatory compliance in a 21E clean up, and the safety of vaccines at the session titled "Vaccine Wars" led by Mike Hugo, JD.

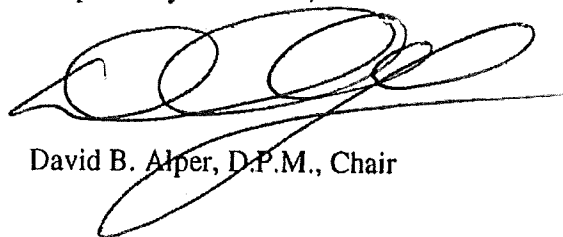
Also discussed was a timeline to draft regulations for the retail sale of marijuana in Belmont. A number of meetings will need to be scheduled. The first meeting will be at a Board of Selectmen to be held in December. Dr. Alper stressed the importance of Board of Health involvement with this matter.

Congratulations to Dr. Alper on his appointment to the Executive Board of the MA Association of Health Boards (MAHB). Everyone agreed that Dr. Alper will be a vital member for this important association.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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