

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014

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The September 17, 2014 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair; David B. Alper, D.P.M., Vice Chair; Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S. Member; Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director; Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk; Also present were Cheryl Sbarra, Senior Staff Attorney Director, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program and Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards; Wesley Chin, Tobacco Control Program Coordinator, and several members of the public.

The Board welcomed Mr. Brian Li, owner of Emack and Bolio's. Mr. Li spoke generally about his restaurant operations, menu choices, trash management and hours of operation.

The Board welcomed Mr. Sami Baghdady, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Health Liason. The Board Members provided a brief overview of the Boards' functions. Mr. Baghdady also provided a brief overview of his role as Board of Health Liaison.

The Public Hearing concerning the proposed Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products was called to order at 5:44 pm. Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair, invited Belmont residents, Belmont business owners, and the general public to comment on the proposed Regulation. Dr. Stephen Shestakofsky was first to speak and offer his support of the proposed Regulation. Dr. Shestakofsky spoke of his many years of work with public health agencies in the area of tobacco control and felt the tobacco control efforts put forth by the Board of Health should be applauded. Dr. Shestakofsky offered the suggestion to include language in the Regulation banning the sale of tobacco products in pharmacy-type businesses in Belmont. Ms. Irina Karaivarnova, owner of Star K on Pleasant Street, expressed her support of the Regulation, but wanted to know if the proposed Regulations were compared with surrounding Towns, and if statistics showed that increasing the minimum age has helped deter teens from purchasing tobacco products. Mr. Wesley Chin and Ms. Cheryl Sbarra offered to Ms. Karaivarnova results of several studies.

A Motion to Approve the Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products unanimously passed by a vote of 3 to 0. The regulation will be effective January 1, 2015.

The Public Hearing concerning the canine, Diamond, was called to order at 6:15 pm. Ms. Katie Finn, owner of Diamond, explained to Board Members that Diamond's trainer was unavailable for several weeks during the summer which was the reason weekly training progress reports were not submitted to the Board Members and Animal Control Officer. Ms. Finn assured Board Members that while Diamond was not participating in formal training, she was practicing training techniques with Diamond, as taught by the Trainer. The Board was pleased to hear that Diamond was doing so well, but cautioned Ms. Finn that an Order was written on June 4, 2014, and must be followed. The Board further explained the Order was written because the Board has a duty to protect Belmont residents. Mr. Russakow further advised Ms. Finn that the Animal Control Officer in Wakefield, Massachusetts, must be contacted that Diamond is living in Wakefield, as this is the residential address provided. Mr. Dan Campbell, owner of canine Teddy who was bitten by Diamond several months ago, spoke on behalf of Diamond. Mr. Campbell believes the attack by Diamond on Teddy was a result of a child's screech, and an

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overreaction by Diamond. Mr. Campbell stated there have been no other incidents between Diamond and Teddy. A female neighbor further stated there have been no other incidents involving Diamond in the Gordon Terrace neighborhood. The Board Members further ordered Ms. Finn the following:

- The Trainer must contact Maria Reddington by email after each training session.
- Ms. Finn must contact Maria Reddington to schedule an appointment for John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer, to evaluate Diamond when the training has been concluded and is no longer necessary as indicated by the trainer.
- Ms. Finn must contact Maria Reddington of any change of address.

The Public Hearing concerning the canine, Diamond, adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The July 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Board made a request to be added to the agenda of the next Belmont Housing Authority meeting.

The Director's Report was reviewed. Stefan provided the Board with further details about West Nile Virus; resident on-line survey responses; Underwood Pool and the DPH Division of Community Sanitation concerns; trash complaints and the invaluable work performed by Lauren Pratt, Environmental Agent Intern; and a scheduled inter-departmental meeting concerning rats.

The Assistant Director's Report was reviewed. Angela provided the Board with further details about several restaurant inspections; complaint procedures; increase in number of tenant/landlord housing issues; geothermal research; and summary of a meeting she attended concerning the Senior PGA Tournament.

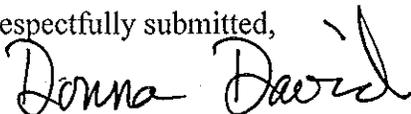
The remaining Staff Reports were reviewed. Stefan told the Board that David Neylon, Public Health Nurse, is currently enrolled in a Master's Degree Program for Public Nursing.

CHNA 17 Steering Committee Nomination. Stefan reported that he had been contacted by State Senator Brownsberger's office to see if Belmont had a candidate for the CHNA steering Committee. Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S., Member also said that she had a discussion with State Senator Brownsberger to consider a volunteer opportunity with the Community Health Network Area. Ms. Houtmeyers will forward her resume to Mr. Russakow, who will forward same to the attention of State Senator Brownsberger.

A brief discussion and recommendation was presented to Mr. Baghdady regarding the Veterans Services Officer position.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna S. David, R.N., M. N., Chair