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Board of Health Meeting Minutes February 10, 2016

The February 10, 2016 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 p.m. 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; Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S., Member; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Wesley Chin, MPH, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Other/Public Attendees present were Ms. Julie Lemay; Ms. Randa Mongarbel; Ms. Mary Conant-Cantor; Mr. David Neylon; Mrs. Maryann Scali; Mr. Joseph A. Scali.

Dr. Alper welcomed Ms. Conant-Cantor to the Meeting. Ms. Conant-Cantor provided Board Members a summary of her career before working for the Belmont Public Schools. She is open to joint ventures with the Board of Health for future flu clinics, public health education, and any other public health issues that can be accomplished together. Ms. Houtmeyers and Ms. Conant-Cantor had a brief discussion concerning opioid use and administration of Narcan. Ms. David said she was impressed with Ms. Conant-Cantor's enthusiasm and energy, and looks forward to working with her in the future.

Dr. Alper welcomed Mrs. Scali to the Meeting and summarized the Amendment to Main Motion – Article 3 submitted by Mrs. Scali. Mrs. Scali provided a historical summary of the Belmont High School site. She filed the Amendment to insure a new evaluation of site conditions is completed, as a result of the property's prior use as a dump site. She wants the Board of Health to be aware of potential problems with the site when construction/renovation begins. Dr. Alper agreed that Mrs. Scali's fears are founded, and assured her a number of steps and studies must be conducted before the planning of the project. Dr. Alper also said the Board of Health will review reports submitted. Ms. Lemay and Ms. Braun briefly explained MGL Chapter 21E regulations, noting Ms. Lemay has experience in same.

The January 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. David provided a summary of attendance at the Massachusetts Association Health Boards, noting her attendance at many Emergency Preparedness and Hoarding presentations. She asked if the Town had a Memorandum of Understanding with a local grocery store in place, and if staffing and supplies lists can be made available. Ms. David also showed a Medication Assessment Template form, which could be used in some emergency scenarios.

The Receipts and Expenses reports were reviewed. There was a question about one expense item for repair of a printing machine.

The Director's report was reviewed, with discussions including the FY17 budget, flu vaccine clinic challenges, Air BnB, a recent Town of Arlington Public Meeting concerning Medical

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Marijuana Dispensary regulations, housing court, a letter from Senator Brownsberger concerning the wildlife leg-trapping bill, notice of Mt. Auburn Hospital Capacity Building Grant funding, the Annual Report, and Public Health concerns to discuss at upcoming Recreation Focus Group meeting.

The Assistant Director's Report was reviewed, with discussions including a complaint of a foreign object found in a take-out food order from Golden Garden, the meeting with Food Inspection Consultant Jim Feeny, search for a summer intern (graduate student), the number of recent animal control duties, and attendance at CHNA meeting and the search for a diversity committee member to attend future CHNA meetings which will focus on racial injustice.

The Disease Report and Youth and Family Services Report were also reviewed.

The Veterans' Report was reviewed. Dr. Alper will participate as a classic/antique car driver in the Memorial Day Parade.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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