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Board of Health Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2016

The April 11, 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; Julie C. Lemay, Member; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Wesley Chin, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk. Also present for part of the Meeting was John Maguranis, Belmont Animal Control Officer;

A Board reorganizational vote was taken with results as follows:

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

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

Julie C. Lemay, Member

The March 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Hearing for Belmont Car Care – Violation of Tobacco Regulations began at 5:35 pm. Mr. Marcel Georges, Owner, and Mr. Ed Glynn, Customer Clerk of Belmont Car Care were present for the Hearing. Wesley Chin summarized the Tobacco Regulation violation, sale to a person under the Minimum Legal Sales Age (MLSA), which occurred on March 16, 2016. Mr. Chin further advised this was the third time within fifteen months that Belmont Car Care was cited for a violation of the Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products. Mr. Ed Glynn told the Board he did sell the tobacco product to a person under the MLSA in error. Mr. Glynn told Board members he has been preoccupied with a number of personal matters, and he was on a phone call at the time of the sale. Mr. Marcel Georges told the Board he has signs in his establishment, which alert patrons of the minimum age to purchase tobacco products. Mr. Georges also said his employees should know the tobacco regulation. Mr. Georges said he paid his non-criminal violation notice. Ms. Julie Lemay asked Mr. Glynn what he could do to ensure sale of tobacco to persons under the MLSA does not happen again. Mr. Glynn said he will update the MLSA calendar. Mr. Georges suggested Health Department staff conduct more compliance checks. Ms. Donna David asked Mr. Georges if he would lose a significant amount of revenue if the Board's Order included the suspension of the sale of tobacco products. Mr. Georges said he will lose revenue, plus it would be very difficult to get customers to return to his store. The Board talked about the terms of the Order, including a mandate to purchase an age checking device to confirm government issued identification presented as proof of MLSA. By a vote of 3-0, the Belmont Board of Health Order to Mr. Marcel Georges, owner of Belmont Car Care:

- A maximum 30 day suspension to sell tobacco products at the establishment located at 27 Lexington Street, Belmont, MA (Belmont Car Care).
- The suspension will end upon verification by Health Department Staff that an age checking device is installed and functioning.

The Hearing concluded at 5:57 pm.

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The Plumbing Variance at 93 Trapelo Road was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Receipts Report was reviewed.

The Animal Control report was reviewed, and John Maguranis summarized the PQ Park antifreeze allegation from the weekend of April 2nd. Dr. Alper told John the incident triggered negative comments concerning the Off Leash Permit Program. Dr. Alper suggested a newspaper article about the Program may be beneficial. John urged Board members to contact their Legislator concerning the need for antifreeze manufacturer's to include an un-sweetening additive in antifreeze to make it less palatable to animals. The budget submittal for a new Animal Control vehicle was discussed. John expressed his appreciation of support from staff, and Animal Control Officers from surrounding towns, during his recent absence.

The Director's report was reviewed. Angela and Wesley attended a number of meetings/seminars, including a meeting with Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC) members, where it was noted that Belmont does not have current data concerning student drug/alcohol use. Dr. Alper talked about a recent "sting" that occurred at Belmont High School. Dr. Alper will attend the Belmont Police Department Gun Buyback Day, scheduled for June 11th. Dr. Alper said 60 guns were turned in at the last Gun Buyback Day.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health sends weekly Zika virus reports. Airbnb's was briefly discussed. Angela said food permitting was not necessary, but if the Health Department receives a complaint, staff would investigate. If Airbnb inspections are required, a Health Department fee will be assessed.

Steve Hughes, Director, MDPH Community Sanitation Program spoke at the Community Sanitation Seminar held April 5th, and encouraged Town's to review their pool lifeguard policy. Board members agreed that a lifeguard needs to be present if a pool is open at the large pool complexes in Town (Belmont Hill Club, Belmont Day School, Belmont Country Club, the Higginbottom Pool, and the Underwood Pool).

Shire Technology made a request to be removed from Belmont's r-DNA permitting requirement. The Town's r-DNA consultant, Liz Gross, said Shire's activity in Belmont does not fall under the current Belmont Board of Health Regulation for the Use of Recombinant DNA Molecule Technology and Non-Recombinant Infectious Agents, and yearly permitting/inspection is not required. Dr. Alper provided a brief history of the Biotech Committee, and it was agreed that Shire would not require yearly permitting and inspection.

Cushing Square Village complaints continue, with Dr. Alper receiving many of the complaints. The broken windows need to be boarded up.

The property owner at 12 Merrill Avenue has not responded to the last Order. A new Order will be drafted and mailed to the property owner.

The Assistant Director's Report was reviewed. Jim Feeney, Food Inspection Consultant, has been doing a great job at providing comprehensive food inspection reports and email updates to

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Wesley. Health Department Staff conducts re-inspections at the food establishments requiring same. Jim Feeney will be present at next month's meeting for a brief presentation and to answer any questions.

There was a brief discussion concerning a request for a canine well-being check. The Arlington Animal Control Officer responded to the concern. She reported the dog did not appear injured, and she was able to return the dog to its home.

Also discussed was the abandoned ferret incident as reported to Animal Control by Pleasant Animal Clinic. The ferret was transported to Skipton Kennel, but unfortunately passed away.

The Disease Report was reviewed.

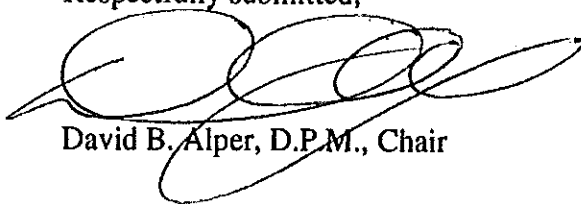
The Veterans' Services Officer's Report was reviewed, including Memorial Day Parade and Purple Heart Ceremony planning activities.

The Youth and Family Services Report was reviewed. An end of cycle grant report for the Stress Less Campaign will be submitted by April 30th. The Golden Shoes Walking program will begin May 1st.

The next Board of Health Meetings are scheduled for May 11, 2016 and June 13, 2016, at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

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