

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2018

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The Board of Health Meeting 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; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Vice Chair; Stephen M. Fiore, Esq., Member; Wesley B. Chin, Health Director; Daniella Wodnicki, Assistant Health Director; Marisa Melanson, MDPH Intern; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Board members welcomed Marisa Melanson to the meeting. Marisa talked about possible projects she will work on during her internship with the Belmont Health Department:

- Testing Clay Pit Pond water, and creating a guide for residents concerning improper dumping in sewer drains. Ms. Lemay said she could provide guidance for this project. Ms. David is very concerned with the geese droppings and the use of the pond's water for irrigation on the high school athletic fields. Mr. Fiore asked if anyone knew if the athletic field location would be changed with the upcoming construction project. What can be done if contamination is found?
- Analyze Youth Risk Behavior Survey results and create educational material with other volunteers.
- Create and distribute a rodent flyer for residents living near Pequossette Park. Trace rodent related complaints.
- Work with Janet Amdur, Youth and Family Services Coordinator, on a Mount Auburn Micro-Grant for a speaker series relating to stress and anxiety management for parents.

Board members welcomed, Filippo, Dante, and Damian deMagistris, partners/owners of The Wellington, a new food establishment on Leonard Street. The owners grew up in Belmont, and are happy to have another restaurant in the Town (Damian is the owner of ilCasale on Leonard Street). The recent opening of the food establishment has been a success, after nearly two years of working to get it open. Wes told the deMagistris' that Health Department staff would conduct a routine inspection within a month. Board members wished The Wellington best of luck.

The May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Town of Lexington/Belmont Public Health Nurse Agreement was discussed. In a letter from Gerard Cody, Town of Lexington Health Dept. Director there were several issues outlined - the Contract expired 5 years ago; the Belmont office used by the Public Health Nurse is inadequate as it relates to HIPPA privacy issues; and reporting structure. Mr. Fiore agreed that HIPPA concerns should not be an issue if Bob and David keep to an alternating work day schedule. Prepare a work schedule for Bob and David. The Board agreed that David must continue to work in Belmont 2 days per week. Donna David wants Wes and David to work on a new Contract to be presented at the July Board meeting.

The Receipts report was reviewed.

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

- DPH referred a report of a foodborne illness, listing Fiorella's Express as a possible source of the illness. Wes reported the food establishment looked good overall, but they did not have a thermometer. All temperature testing proved to be fine with Wes' thermometer.
- Staff received a complaint concerning Bruegger's, and no glove changing from handling of food to money to food. Wes spoke to Bruegger's management about future training for staff.
- Housing Case #1 is scheduled for re-inspection on June 26th. Staff has received complaints from a neighbor about the temporary dumpster on the property.
- Housing Case #2 was reported by Fire Department personnel as a hoarded property. The occupants were willing to meet with staff, but they did not show up for the scheduled appointment with Bob Upton, VSO.
- Ms. Alix Bartsch of the MA Beekeepers Association, shared her opinion about the honeybees at a Pine Street property, stating the property was too small for keeping of honeybees.
- Board members asked staff to share their thoughts on Keeping of Bees in Belmont. Daniella said Belmont needs a regulation. Public health officials must think of the people in Belmont we serve and protect. Too many incidents can affect the bees, including hurricanes, a hive knocked over by a landscaper, lack of education by the resident keeping the bees. Board members want to know what other Towns are doing, and have staff revisit the current policy. Plan to schedule a Public Hearing at the September Meeting.
- Myrtle Street weekend complaint – a neighbor reported large clouds of dust from work being done by a contractor. Belmont Police Department responded to the complaint, no findings upon arrival. The complaint was elevated to the Board of Selectmen. Going forward, the Police Dept. will contact Health Dept. staff during off hours for environmental concerns such as this. It should also be noted MA DEP and DLS were contacted. The DLS Inspector confirmed the contractor complied with all rules and regulations.
- Joey's Park rodent issue continues. It was confirmed a hole at the playground was indeed a rat burrow. DPW staff report the carry in/carry out policy has been successful. Ms. Lemay reports seeing left-behind items on the bench, such as sippy cups, caps, etc.
- Marisa Melanson and a student volunteer will distribute rat flyers to the Pequossette Park neighborhood, in anticipation of a scheduled construction project at the park.
- Tobacco compliance checks were discussed. Can Belmont Hill school volunteers or a Youth Commission participant conduct the compliance checks? Have youth attempted to purchase the new e-cigarette, JUUL?
- Overview of meeting with representatives from "Trash Bashers" a recycling program currently used at the Chenery Middle School, and Wellington School (4th grade participation only at this time).

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

- The Grant Avenue Housing case was discussed, noting the property owner made an effort to correct, but some issues remain unresolved. A final notice to correct was issued. If there is no resolution, a ticket will be issued.
- A Woodbine Road resident was upset to know people were at his home for a well-being check, but amiable when Daniella spoke to him and offered 30 days for him to clean up. The property is cluttered and falls at 6-7 on the clutter image rating scale. Board members want staff to bring photos of properties of concern to meetings.
- A report of heavy tobacco smoke odors at a Thayer Road apartment was discussed. Daniella spoke to Ms. Martin, Belmont Housing Authority Director about converting BHA to a smoke free environment. For now, door sweeps will be used to assist the complainant.
- To date, two order letters have been issued concerning overgrown lawns.
- Fiorella's Express has a trash problem. Daniella issued a \$100 fine to the owner of the establishment after visiting the third time. Follow up will continue.

The Disease report was reviewed.

The Youth and Family Services report was missing from the Board packets. Maria will email the report to Board members in the morning. Wes told the Board the report included information on a Grant to coach people 50+ years in age in finding employment.

The Animal Control report was reviewed.

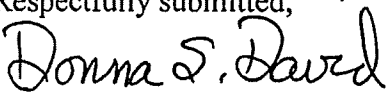
The Veterans' Services report was reviewed, and Board members were happy to know Bob's hours will increase to 26 hours per week beginning July 1st.

Additional information was shared concerning two complaints: a dog bite at Crate Escape involving an Arlington dog; and the report of a Belmont dental office and disposal of sharps. Board members want to know if it is acceptable to dispose of the non-sharp part of a syringe in the regular trash. Staff will report their findings at the July meeting.

The next Board of Health Public Hearing/Meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm, and September 11, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna S. David, Chair