

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

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The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5:34 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; Maria Reddington, Clerk. Present for part of the Meeting were Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator; Jay Marcotte, Director of Public Works; Robert Upton, Veterans' Services Officer.

Board members welcomed Bob Upton, Veterans' Services Officer to the meeting. Bob provided a summary of his job responsibilities for Mr. Fiore. Bob also shared details of some of the projects he is working on.

- The 2nd annual flag retirement ceremony will be scheduled in late October. The Boys and Girls Scouts will head up this ceremony each year.
- Veterans' Day celebrations are coming up in November, including the annual Breakfast at the Beech Street Center. East Cambridge Savings Bank will sponsor the breakfast this year.
- Bob continues to identify Belmont residents who may qualify for Chapter 115 benefits. Bob appreciates the collaboration Janet Amdur provides in referring residents to him.
- The monthly coffee hour at the Beech Street Center continues to be a popular event.
- Bob has met with Veterans' Administration staff to learn more about long term care options for a growing population.
- Bob anticipates working with another Eagle Scout candidate this year. Projects he is considering include a cemetery spruce up project, and assistance in growing social media presence for Veterans' Services.
- Bob shared how proud he was to help Belmont resident Bob Young attend the Honor Flight New England trip to Washington DC. The organization focuses on honoring America's most senior veterans.
- Bob recently accompanied a veteran in need to the Bedford VA facility.
- Meet Belmont was discussed. Bob "works" the room to promote the services available to veterans living in Belmont.

The Board thanked Bob for attending the meeting and shared how pleased they are with all the good work he does for the veterans in the community.

The Hearing for Belmont Car Care – Violation of the Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products began at 5:46 pm. Mr. Steven Sarkis represented Belmont Car Care. Wesley Chin provided a summary of the case. This was the second sale within a 24 month period. Wesley said current regulations impose a \$200 fine and 7 day suspension for this violation. Wesley also said this is a repeat pattern for this establishment as this is the fifth sale since 2015. Mr. Sarkis said the same employee, who has been with Belmont Car Care for over 20 years, is the person inadvertently selling tobacco product to underage buyers. Mr. Sarkis also said underage buyers

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don't come to the establishment to purchase tobacco products, seems as though it's only when the Health Department "traps" them. Donna David said the Health Department is not trying to trap them, but is trying to protect the public. Mr. Sarkis said all system checks are in place to confirm the patrons age, i.e., pop up reminder on the register, and an electronic ID scanner. Wesley Chin said his concern is other underage people finding out that this establishment sells to underage buyers of tobacco products. Mr. Sarkis was also reminded to apply for a Tobacco Permit under his name, as the new owner of Belmont Car Care. The Board voted 3-0 to issue a \$200 fine and a 7 day sale suspension to Belmont Car Care. The 7 day sale suspension will begin Monday, September 17, 2018.

Board members welcomed Mr. Jay Marcotte, Director of Public Works, and Ms. Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator, to discuss trash at Belmont parks. The Board also wanted an update concerning the recently adopted DPW carry in/carry out policy at Town Field and Joey's Park. A summary of the discussion is below:

- Jay provided an update of the Policy at a Board of Selectmen meeting in July.
- Assurance Pest Control assesses and/or treats each park, and provides monthly reports.
- The last report from Assurance Pest Control indicated no rodent activity found at Joey's Park.
- Jay said part of the problem at Joey's Park is rodent activity from neighboring residential properties. Snacks consumed at the Park are also a problem, as crumbs inevitably drop to the ground. Jay has talked to the Winn Brook School Principal about this, but snacking by students, and other visitors, continues.
- Weekend food consumption is also a big problem. All park visitors need to participate in the carry in/carry out policy.
- The portable toilets at some parks are being used to dispose of dog waste. Jay said enforcement of dogs not permitted through the Off Leash Permit program must continue. Jay said he knows there are residents who won't purchase an Off Leash Permit, and feels these residents should be issued violation notices.
- Ms. Julie Lemay asked Jay about purchasing Big Belly trash receptacles. Jay is opposed to Big Belly receptacles. He said on a 95 degree day, the odor is noxious, and the receptacles have a history of frequent break downs.
- Jay asked Board members what is the agenda concerning trash. Ms. Donna David said the Board is concerned with nuisance regulations, and there are health concerns associated with trash at playgrounds. Health and DPW should work together to find a solution.
- Jay maintains that more trash barrels results in more trash. Illegal dumping is always a problem.
- The schedule for parks/public property trash removal is Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Julie Lemay said New York City has rat proof trash receptacles, and they report a decline in rodent activity.
- Everyone agreed that benefits would not be realized by posting additional signage.

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- A suggestion was made to reach out for senior citizen volunteers to monitor the parks and pick up litter in exchange for a property tax rebate. Ms. Patrice Garvin cautioned against enforcement being done by any resident. Ms. Donna David said she does not want senior citizens picking up trash.
- Mr. Stephen Fiore suggested special event permit holders should be required to pay for a person to be the "trash monitor" to insure the permit holder adheres to clean up of the trash.
- The following suggestions were made to reduce the trash at the parks:
 - Develop a PSA showing the ugly trash photos via Belmont media, newspaper, social media, etc.
 - Place rat proof trash receptacles at the parks for disposal of the inadvertent trash.
 - Be like Disney – place trash cans every 30 feet, hire more staff to maintain
 - Be like Westford, MA – continue a carry in/carry out policy, Westford reports a reduction in trash overflow.
 - Discuss ideas at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting, to include Board of Health and DPW.

The Board thanked Ms. Patrice Garvin and Mr. Jay Marcotte for attending the meeting and sharing their ideas.

The July 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Receipts and Financial reports were reviewed.

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

- Housing referrals have increased.
- The Wellington corrected all violations noted on their food inspection report.
- El Centro has improved, but suggest extra inspections may be in order.
- Theo's complaint – the food preparer's gloves were too large.
- Quebrada Food Truck Permit – language was added to the Permit concerning removal of trash.
- Jim Feeney will conduct Belmont's food inspections again.
- Lisa's Pizzeria submitted a plan review.
- Shangri-La has not provided any updates concerning their re-opening.
- There are four active hoarding cases.
- Case #3 – Janet and Wes will visit together.
- Case #4 – the occupant has returned home, Janet will assist.

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- Map showing locations of the rodent complaints.
- Tobacco Control and Prevention Grant – to date, nobody has been hired. There was a brief discussion concerning JUUL, a vapor alternative. Ms. Julie Lemay recently saw a number of cartridges littered in her neighborhood, and commented on how the cartridges resemble a USB flash drive.

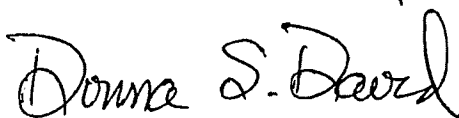
The Food report was reviewed.

The Disease and Nurse reports were reviewed.

The next Board of Health Meetings are scheduled October 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm, and November 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. David". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a trailing flourish.

Donna S. David, Chair