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The March 27, 2013 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:31 pm 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, Robert M. Eisendrath, M.D., Member, Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director, Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director, Ellen O'Doherty, Clerk.

The February 2013 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Disease and Receipts Reports were reviewed.

The Joint meeting with the Government Structure Review Committee was called to order at 5:34 pm by Dr. Paul Solomon. Those present were Dr. Paul Solomon, Ann Marie Mahoney, Robert McLaughlin, Ralph Jones, and Becky Vose.

In the audience was Cheryl Sbarro, attorney for the Mass. Association of Health Boards, Donna Moultrup, and former Director of the Belmont Health Department, and Deirdre Houtmeyers, candidate for the Board of Health.

Dr. Solomon presented the reasoning behind the Committee's recommendations and why it was important to the operation of the Town. He also stated that there should be no change in operations within the Health Department and that the Board of Health would be consulted regarding hiring and firing employees.

Dr. Alper presented that the Board of Health and Health Department need to remain autonomous in order to enforce the myriad of regulations and mandates they are charged with. He also stated that adding another layer to report to would not yield an increase in efficiency.

Cheryl Sbarro spoke relative to the responsibilities that Boards of Health are charged with and they are in keeping with Police Departments' responsibilities and need to remain independent in order to function properly.

Dr. Alper stated in closing that the Board of Health is elected by the residents of Belmont and the Town Administrator is not, that position is hired by the Board of Selectmen. There were no further statements, the Board thanked the Committee for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Mr. Van Garrett was not present, Hearing tabled until later in the meeting.

The Hearing for Belmont Smoke Shop was opened at 6:19 pm. Kaleem, the owner, was present. The Board stated that they took the sale of tobacco products to minors very seriously and the fact that a minor was able to purchase tobacco twice in five weeks was very disturbing. The owner stated that he would be closing his store in one or one and one half months as he was negotiating with his landlord. The Board ordered that "Point of Sale" software be installed by April 24, 2013 and should there be any more tobacco sales to minors within that time then the Tobacco License for Belmont Smoke Shop would be rescinded permanently. Hearing adjourned at 6:44 pm.

The grease trap variance request from John Maione for a restaurant establishment at 436-438 Common Street was discussed. Joe Papalia, representative for the landlord Joe

Tellier, stated that if the internal system is maintained properly then there is no issue and by requiring an external grease trap it would impose an inordinate expense for a small restaurant. Mr. Maione stated that he had many years of experience in the restaurant business and would make certain that maintenance was done properly on a regular schedule. The Board stated that some alternative has to be found but little information was provided as to why an external trap could not be in. The Board stated that if Mr. Maione could present hard evidence to the Health Department staff as to why it could not be done then they would be willing to grant the variance. Mr. Maione will gather more documentation and present to the Director and Assistant Director for approval.

The grease trap variance for Dunkin Donuts, 64 Concord Ave., was approved due to the minimal food preparation.

The grease trap variance for "El Centro" restaurant, 66 Leonard Street, was approved due to the complicated utilities in the exterior of the building. An alternate plan will be submitted to the Health Department.

The Hearing for Van Garrett was reopened; documents provided by the Animal Control Officer were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Van Garrett was not present and no messages had been received from him regarding the Hearing. The Board ordered that Mr. Garrett install an electric fence, to contain the dogs, by April 15, 2013. Failure to do so will require muzzling of the dogs and a Hearing before the Board of Selectmen. Hearing adjourned.

The variance for the Underwood Pool for the 2013 season was approved unanimously. The Director will forward it to the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health.

The Board unanimously approved John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer, as the Animal Inspector for the Town of Belmont. The Board also unanimously approved Stefan Russakow and Angela Braun as Alternate Animal Inspectors.

The Director's Report and Assistant Director's Report (all Staff Reports on file in the Health Department) were discussed. The discussion regarding the "Goosebusters" permitting was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board would like to have a letter of support sent to the recycling coordinator regarding the new program in the schools but also include a mention that there cannot be any sanitary issues or that would have consequences. The Board would like the D.P.W. Director copied as well as the schools that are participating.

The Animal Control Officer's Report and the Veterans Officer Report were reviewed.


The Youth & Family Services Worker report was discussed and the Board would like more information regarding statement relative to suicide.

The next meeting of the Belmont Board of Health is scheduled for April 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

Dr. Alper stated that the Board and the Town will be forever grateful to the 21 years of loyal, dedicated service on the Board of Health of Dr. Robert Eisendrath. "Dr. Eisendrath has always been respectful and has done more for the Town of Belmont than they will ever know, Thank you."

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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