

The September 14, 2011 Belmont Board of Health meeting was called to order at 4:52 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., Member, Stefan Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director, Angela Braun R.S., Assistant Director, John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer, Ellen O'Doherty, Clerk.

The Hearing for Mr. Lowry regarding his two dogs "Rascal" and "Dinah" was called to order at 4:55 pm. Mr. Lowry was present and gave the history of his dogs and their behavior. Animal Control Officer, John Maguranis also commented on his involvement with Mr. Lowry's dogs and some corrective measures that he helped Mr. Lowry institute. The Board issued a stern warning to Mr. Lowry that if there were any additional biting incidents that they would issue a "muzzle" order and the Orders of the Board to be instituted immediately were to post two "Beware of Dog" signs on either side of the driveway and the dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the house with the leashes short enough so they cannot reach the sidewalk or street. The Animal Control Officer will assist Mr. Lowry with the orders. Hearing closed at 5:04 pm.

Robert M. Eisendrath, M.D., Vice Chair arrived at the meeting having been delayed by traffic.

The Board discussed the future of the Veterans Service Officer given the fact that the Town has received a letter of notice requiring that the position be full time (40 hours per week) according to state law. The current Veterans Service Officer is not in a position to cover 40 hours per week due to his other full time position as Animal Control Officer. The Board tabled the discussion pending future communication from the state.

The Hearing for Belmont Pizza was called to order at 5:20 pm. Jason Alch, owner, and Attorney Lertner were present as representatives. Much discussion was held regarding the recurring sanitation issues of the establishment. Some capital improvements have been made but cleaning and sanitation have hardly been addressed. Attorney Lertner proposed having the establishment close on Tuesdays until Nov. 22, 2011 to address the cleaning and sanitation issues. A motion was made to close the establishment on Tuesdays effective September 20, 2011 and ordered that additionally there will be monthly re-inspections and if sanitation issues are corrected consistently then they will be allowed to re-open on Tuesdays effective November 22, 2011. The Board also stated that the Assistant Director is to meet with all the staff and owners on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 to explain what was expected of everyone involved. Unanimous approval. The Hearing was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

The Disease and Receipt Reports were discussed with note of the growing Latent TB cases due to recent immigrants moving to the area.

The Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) was discussed and the issue of raises for two staff members was discussed. The Director has been assured from the Town Administrator that it will be addressed within the next few weeks.

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The Assistant Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) and the Food Inspection Report were discussed with note of a new restaurant opening in the old "Andros Diner" site on Trapelo Road.

The Animal Control Officer and Veterans Service Officer Reports were discussed.

The Board signed the contract with Care Group for nursing services relative to flu vaccination clinics for Belmont residents.

Complaints were discussed.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2011 at 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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