

Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2017

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The Board of Health Meeting 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; Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Member; Angela Braun, Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

A Board re-organizational vote was taken with the following result:

Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair  
Julie C. Lemay, M.P.H., Vice Chair  
David B. Alper, D.P.M., Member  
Maria Reddington, Clerk

The March 27, 2017 meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0, with one change on page two, to replace the word *no-tobacco* with *spit-tobacco*.

The Hearing for a Variance Request for relief from External Grease Trap requirement at the former Kitchen on Common location was called to order. Ms. Angela Braun provided an overview of current FOG (Fats, Oil, Grease) regulations. Ms. Connie Kokubo, speaking on behalf of Kitchen on Common, explained to Board members that the request for variance of the external grease trap requirement is a “hypothetical” request. The “hypothetical” variance request would extend to occupancy of an unknown food establishment, similar in size to the former Kitchen on Common. Ms. Kokubo further explained the cost to install an exterior grease trap may be discouraging prospective food establishments from taking over the lease. Ms. Braun said an exterior grease trap should be installed if it is feasible. Ms. Lemay is concerned about the request because there is no information from a prospective food establishment or an engineering professional. Dr. Alper said a variance request needs to be approved or denied on a case by case basis. Dr. Alper encouraged Ms. Kokubo to advise prospective food establishment owners that Health Department staff and Board of Health members are user friendly, and they are welcome to request a Hearing for a variance for relief from the external grease trap requirement. The Board of Health voted 3 – 0 to deny the Variance Request for relief from the external grease trap requirement for the former Kitchen on Common at 442 Common Street.

The Hearing for a Variance Request for relief from External Grease Trap requirement at Star Market was called to order. Ms. Angela Braun explained the reason the Hearing was scheduled. As part of Star Market’s plan review submission for interior renovations, Ms. Braun made a request to Star Market to investigate the feasibility of installing an exterior grease trap. There are several remote food process areas and therefore it is not possible to tie in the outflow to one exterior trap. This was also verified by the Town Plumber. The Department of Public Works report no history of back-ups in this facility.

The Board of Health voted 3-0 to approve the Variance Request for relief from the External Grease Trap Requirement for Star Market at 535 Trapelo Road.

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The Receipts report was reviewed.

The Hearing for the Keeping of Chickens at 15 Chandler Street was called to order. Ms. Austin-Tse, Applicant, told Board members she has been a volunteer at Belmont Acres for 4 years, she has a vegetable garden, the manure will be composted, and eggs will be shared with other family members. Dr. Alper asked how much space is between the neighbor's property and the chicken coop, to which Ms. Austin-Tse replied ten feet. She also added her neighbor's support the project.

The Board of Health voted 3-0 to approve the Keeping of Chickens Permit at 15 Chandler Street.

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

- There will be a Health Department booth at Town Day, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Julie Lemay said she would be present, and it was suggested she participate in the electric car demonstration. It was also suggested a member of the Middlesex Beekeepers Association be at the booth, perhaps offering free sticks of honey. John Maguranis, Animal Care and Control, will be present, too.
- A Bee Policy will be drafted, and if needed, a regulation may be adopted at a later date. There was a brief discussion concerning fee(s) for permits, nuisance penalties. Dr. Alper said policy language should state that inspections by the State are mandatory.
- The Acorn Park development pool plans have not been submitted.
- Emergency Preparedness - plans continue for an active shooter exercise drill with stakeholders from Belmont and Watertown.
- Housing issues: Hill Road, bedbugs confirmed. The landlord is responsible for elimination; Merrill Avenue condemnation, we are awaiting Springwell's update; Pearl Street, lead abatement notices issued with Order letter.
- There was an inquiry from Golden Garden to obtain a beer and wine license.
- El Centro – If critical violations are present at next inspection, then closure may be necessary.
- Il Casale – 2<sup>nd</sup> restaurant proposed for Belmont Center.
- Animal Care and Control – Discussion regarding complaints from 2 residents upset about dogs allowed in parks in Belmont, particularly with respect to waste and urine left behind from the dogs. Board members want an update concerning the Off Leash Permit Program signage that was to be placed at each park.
- Health Department is thankful to the Alper family for hiding the shoes for the Golden Shoes Program again this year!

The Disease and Public Health Nurse reports were reviewed. Board members agreed the "Pick Up After Your Pet" press release should be publicized through Belmont social media outlets.

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The Youth and Family Services report was reviewed. The Improbable Players presentation concerning opioid use prevention should be well received.

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

- Foodies Market walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th.
- Golden Garden showed improvement at the third inspection conducted on April 12<sup>th</sup>. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, a "For Rent" sign was observed in the window.
- There was a brief discussion about El Centro's inspection report for the inspection conducted on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Belmont High School telephone calls on March 30<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> concerning sewage backups.
- There is a tenant complaint of a mold issue at a Maple Street property, but the tenant has canceled and/or rescheduled the inspection twice.

The Food Inspection report was reviewed.

The transfer of ownership for Mark & Toni's was discussed.

The Hidden In Plain Sight project has entered the editing stage. Marketing of this important public service announcement should begin soon.

The Belmont Media Center and Opioid Forum networking efforts were favorably received by Board members.

Dr. Alper inquired about the absence of a Girls Group/Boys Group this year. Ms. Braun will talk to Janet Amdur, Youth and Family Services Coordinator, about restoring the program next year.

The Animal Control Officer report was reviewed, noting John Maguranis' attendance at a canine body language class.

The Veterans' Services Officer report was reviewed. Board members made note of the Board of Selectmen's recognition of Oliver Leeb's Eagle Scout Project.

Board members endorsed a letter to the Honorable Patricia D. Jehlen and the Honorable Mark J. Cusack, Committee on Marijuana Policy, to support measures to direct a portion of recreational marijuana tax revenues or fees to youth substance use education prevention.

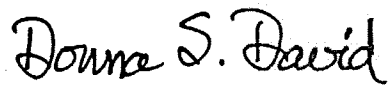
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The Opioid Assessment report was reviewed. Board members want Angela to draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen indicating the Board of Health is passing along the report with no opinion or support of the contents.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna S. David".

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