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Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2015

The September 2, 2015 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 p.m. 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; Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S., Member; Angela Braun, R.S., Director; Wesley Chin, Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

Plumbing Variance Hearing for 556 Trapelo Road – Mr. Richard Hyde, owner of 556 Trapelo Road, requests permission to install a backflow preventer at his property. Mr. Hyde detailed three incidents of sewerage back-up to his property since the summer of 2014 when street construction work began. The Plumbing Variance was approved by a vote 3-0, with conditions to install an alarm device and to notify Angela Braun, Health Director of future incidents.

Grease Trap Variance Hearing for 344-350 Pleasant Street – Mr. Joseph M. Noone, Attorney representing the Leo Family, owners of Belmont Pleasant Street LLC said the proposed development will include a Dunkin Donuts food establishment, which will generate very little fats, oil, and grease. An internal grease trap will be installed. It is unknown what the use of the remaining two units will be at this time. The Grease Trap Variance was approved by a vote of 3-0, with a condition that future use(s) may be required to install an external grease trap.

Grease Trap Variance Hearing for 628 Trapelo Road – Mr. Sam Pogosov, and Mr. David Aleksanyan, Owners of Phenix Grill said their food establishment will be grease “friendly” as their menu includes mainly healthy food offerings. The owners felt the current grease trap in the basement would serve their fats, oil and grease disposal needs. The Grease Trap Variance was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Natalie Miller, Tobacco Control Program Coordinator introduced herself to Board of Health Members. Board Members were very impressed with Ms. Miller’s credentials, and welcomed her to Belmont. Ms. Miller praised Belmont’s regulations concerning tobacco control. She also said retailers may continue to push the boundaries on the ban of selling flavored nicotine, but continued “checks” will help to alleviate the problem. Dr. Alper asked Ms. Miller to contact the coordinator of Club Day (October 1st) at Belmont High School, to organize and promote The 84, an organization of youth fighting for a tobacco free generation in Massachusetts. Ms. David asked Ms. Miller to provide a contact for a spit tobacco speaker.

Ms. Anne-Marie Lambert, Belmont Citizen’s Forum Director requested signage to be posted at Little Pond to include a health advisory to the public to not swim or eat the fish. Ms. Lambert did not feel the generic No Swimming sign which was posted at the end of August was sufficient. This sign was posted by the Selectmen’s Office as a result of a citizen request. Ms. Braun advised Ms. Lambert that Little Pond is DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) property, and that an email and telephone call were made to staff at DCR, but an

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answer has not been received. Dr. Alper suggested we continue our efforts to contact DCR to learn if a health advisory sign can be placed at the Little Pond site. It was also suggested that Belmont Health Department inquire about replacing the dilapidated fishing pier at Little Pond. Also discussed was the outdated signage at Clay Pit Pond, with a request for Health Department staff to research rewording, replacing and consulting Conservation Commission staff about placement of a new sign. Ms. Lambert also reminded the Board of Health and Health Department staff of the upcoming Water Trouble Forum on September 10, 2015.

The July 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

The annual Massachusetts Associate of Health Boards Certificate Training is scheduled for November 7 and November 14. Dr. Alper is unable to attend this year. Ms. David and Ms. Houtmeyers will advise if they are able to attend.

The Receipts and Financial Reports were reviewed. Dr. Alper asked if an insurance accident claim could be filed for replacement of the Animal Control Officer's vehicle rear window.

The Director's Report was reviewed, with discussions of the following topics: hoarding grant; question about frequency of mosquito larviciding (twice per year versus once per year); transferring Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Program to Department of Public Works; FY17 budget item to include an outside vendor to perform restaurant inspections; a copy of the animal shelter plan for emergencies; and status of a grease trap variance request for Moozy's Restaurant.

The Assistant Director's Report was reviewed, with discussions of the following topics: recent restaurant closings; the number of day camp injury reports; adopting a fee for chronic violations and/or special inspections relating to day camp permit holders.

The Disease Report was reviewed, including a discussion concerning recent shigella illnesses at a local daycare facility.

The Veterans Services Officer Report was reviewed. Dr. Alper asked about VSO coverage during vacation periods. Ms. Braun reported that we could reach out to a surrounding community in an emergency case.

The flu clinic dates of October 17th and October 21st were noted. Dr. Alper is available to attend both public flu clinics. Ms. David and Ms. Houtmeyers are each available to attend one.

Meet Belmont event was discussed. Additional tables are needed for Health Department, Veterans' Services, and Animal Control at next year's event.

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There is a presentation scheduled October 14, 2015 entitled "Psychological First Aid."

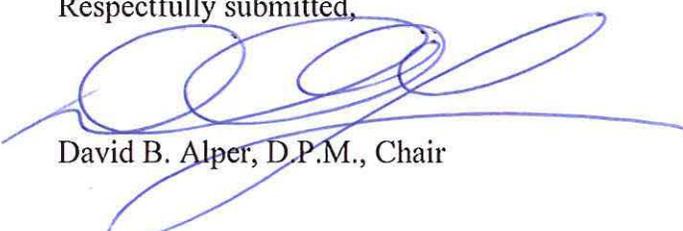
Board Members would like water reports provided to them.

Ms. Braun told the Board there was a request to revise the current ice cream truck regulation, Section IV, Paragraph 6, time to park in a designated location from 20 minutes to 45 minutes.

The next Board of Health meetings are scheduled for October 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm and November 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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