

February 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 22, 2010. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present were: Peter DeTerra, Dolores Caton and Jeannine Lopes. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Mr. DeTerra, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. He requested the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2010 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. & Mrs. Brodo, owners of 21 Cherrystone Road, entered the meeting. In 2007 the existing house was demolished and a new two bedroom home was constructed consisting of two floors with an attached garage that has a room above it. The Brodo's moved into their home in 2008 and have not finished the room above the garage. Mrs. Brodo is a licensed massage therapist and would like to open an office with a massage therapy room above the garage. The original plans, approved by the Board of Health in 2007, indicate the room above the garage to be one room and used as a bedroom. The proposal now is to wall off the south portion of the room approximately 12' wide by 24' long to be used as two rooms, the office and massage therapy room. The Chairman explained that due to the requirements of the sewer legislation that affects construction on West Island, adding additional rooms that have the potential to be bedrooms is not allowed. Mr. Brodo stated he had spoken to the building commissioner regarding the proposal and he knew there may be difficulties with the proposal. Mr. DeTerra questioned if a deed restriction could be placed indicating the dwelling as a two-bedroom dwelling and the use of the business space would just be for the present owners' use. Mr. Brodo had misgivings of placing the deed restriction as it might affect a sale of the property in the future. Mr. DeTerra stated the Board must act according to the regulation and the only way to allow the proposal would be with a deed restriction notice. Mr. Brodo said he understood.

Motion to allow the office space with a deed restriction placed in the registry of deeds was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Fowle stated that the DPH has stated that the remaining H1N1 funds can only be spent if there are flu clinics on-going. All items must be purchased before the clinics end and no later than April 30, 2010. All invoices must be paid no later than June 30, 2010. The GNBMRRC has moved its office into the Fairhaven Town Hall and they are in need of many items so that they can continue to credential and train the volunteers who will assist the Town with any flu clinics. A portion of the H1N1 funds can be used for that purpose. Ms. Lopes stated she wanted a good supply of personal hand sanitizer to be stockpiled for future clinics. The Board concurred.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent