

April 12, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, April 12, 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 stated there would be an Organizational Meeting of the Board of Health. He requested nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Motion to nominate Mr. DeTerra as Chairman was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to nominate Ms. Lopes as Vice-Chairman was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

The regular meeting resumed and the Chairman requested the minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2010 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010 was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Robert Beauregard owner of 199 Main Street entered the meeting. He requested a hearing before the Board to modify or rescind findings as presented in a written report by the health agent on rental property at 199 Main Street, apartments 8 and 13 performed on February 26, 2010. Mr. Beauregard objected to the requirement that all windows need work or replacement, that a handrail is required on the front deck and a fire escape door/window on the third floor be replaced due to rot. Ms. Fowle explained that not all windows require work, just those mentioned in the report and observed as requiring repair by the Building Commissioner during the inspection as noted. The front porch does not require handrails because the deck is only 29" above grade. The fire escape door/window is to be determined by the Building Commissioner through the Building Code. Mr. Beauregard indicated he would contact the Building Department and request a final inspection when all the work is completed which should be soon.

The new Beach Regulations issued by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and effective this bathing season were acted upon by the Board.

Motion to notify private beach associations of the changes and requirements, to require a beach application at no fee to the applicant, to require beach signage at no fee to the applicant for the initial sign and to require weekly beach water testing as set forth in the regulations, was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Fowle reported on the following:

1. A complaint of a failed septic system at 86 Pleasant Street was investigated and found to be so. This is a long standing problem and it was believed the owner had connected the property to Town sewer when the sewer line was extended to the property. However, no connection was made. The owners will be informed they must connect the property within 30 days or legal action in Housing Court will proceed.

2. A request from the Greater New Bedford Tobacco Control Program was received to do a presentation on emerging tobacco products to school nurses. The Board concurred and a letter will be forwarded to the school superintendent.
3. The Board required the health agent to contact State DPH contracted vaccine manufacturers for information on processing seasonal flu vaccine orders from the Board of Health. It is anticipated the Town will require more vaccine than the DPH will be giving to the Board of Health for the Fall/Winter season.
4. The Board reviewed proposed expansion plans for 1 Main Street, a Bed & Breakfast that intends to create a place of assembly with dining facilities. The Board had no objections to the proposal but did require notification to the owner that all Federal and State food codes must be complied with for construction, maintenance and use.
5. Housing inspections were performed at 18 Widemarsh Beach Way and 164 Washington Street, Apartment 1Rear.
6. New restaurant openings in the works are Asia Cuisine-formerly Great Wall Chinese Restaurant, 14 Fairhaven Commons Way; Griddles 140 Huttleston Avenue-formerly Samantha's; Trudi's Kitchen at Rasputin's Tavern, 122 Main Street-formerly Bridge Street Station.
7. Other items reviewed were the monthly nurse's (CNA) report; an invitation to a dialogue with DPH Commissioner Auerbach on Friday, April 16 in Dartmouth; immunization update presentation for Fall 2010 on May 27 in Fall River and a meeting to discuss a request to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for beach enrichment at Sandy Beach on Raymond Street.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent