

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
June 28, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, June 28, 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. The Chairman requested the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2010 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010 was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

Regarding the septic system inspection report for 3 Brownell Avenue, the health agent discussed with the system inspector Dennis Aubin, the groundwater table elevation analysis used when the inspection was performed on April 24, 2010. Mr. Aubin stated he had based his water table findings on the cellar sump elevation versus the base elevation of the flow diffusers in the septic system. There was no water infiltration into the bottom of the diffusers and the grey water in the septic tank and distribution box was at the correct elevation. Therefore, the inspector classified the system as a "pass". Discussion ensued.

Motion to accept the inspection report as written with notation that should additional habitable space be added to the dwelling, the septic system may require upgrading was made by Ms. Lopes, seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Written request of 114 Balsam Street's owner Roger Marcoux II was received requesting an upgrade of classification of a one bedroom to a two bedroom as allowed under the Board of Health Rules & Regulations for West Island Sewer.

Motion to approve the request was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

The owners of 38 Hedge Street require a 5' waiver to the north property line to place an 18' above ground pool. The north abutter stated in writing that they do not object to the proposed placement of the pool.

Motion to grant the 5' waiver was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

The Community Nurse Association 2010-2011 contract was reviewed. No changes have been incorporated into the contract though there will be additional flu clinics involving the public schools as the State DPH will be giving the Board 1,000 additional flu vaccine doses to be used in the schools.

Motion to approve the contract was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

An email request was received from the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project (BCMCP) to allow mosquito spraying past sunrise until 7:00 AM on residential properties that request spraying. Board approval must be granted due to changes in the law intended to protect bees.

The BCMCP information indicated that Fairhaven is in a level 3 alert (1-5 process with 5 being the highest) for EEE which warrants a continued effort to keep the mosquito population down which is done by spraying upon request. This will allow all requests for spraying on residential property to be completed in a timely manner. Discussion ensued.

Motion to grant the permission was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The health agent reviewed the following:

New food regulations requiring food allergen notices and training by the PIC will be in effect in October 2010. Board of Health permit applications will have a check box for PIC compliance and inspections will indicate if the notices are posted in each restaurant.

FY 2010 budget review and anticipated encumbrances were reviewed.

Beach reports are good for the 2nd week.

The department needs a car as the former department car was totaled. Much work needs to be done to solicit local car dealerships for what is in stock at a price to be determined.

The food vendors at the 4 fairs in Town over the past weekend were inspected without incidence.

It is noted that long time Building Department clerk and Board clerk for the past two years, Frances Robillard is retiring effective June 30. The new clerk is Bernice Alves.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent