

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
August 23, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, August 23, 2010. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Peter DeTerra, Dolores Caton and Jeannine Lopes. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent and Deidre Healey, Sustainability Committee member.

Mr. DeTerra, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and requested the minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2010 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2010 was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

A septic system inspection report performed by Ronald Arruda, Fairhaven Honeywagon, 30 Bay Street, Fairhaven for 6 Silver Shell Beach was received. The system is a 3,000 gallon sewage holding tank installed in 2004. The system passed the inspection.

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

The health agent reported on the following:

There are no new EEE mosquito pools reported locally by the DPH. However, DPH is urging residents to continue to be vigilant in protecting themselves against mosquitoes.

Beach water testing is continuing with good results. There are no elevated bacterial counts.

Pizza Hut at Fairhaven Commons Way requires an additional inspection due to the findings of inspector Griffin. Ms. Fowle will do the follow-up inspection.

A complaint of bed bugs was received from a tenant at an apartment at Fairhaven Village, 330 Main Street. After communicating the responsibilities and seriousness of a positive finding to the management, a licensed pest control company was hired to inspect and treat the affected areas. A follow-up inspection and report will follow in two weeks.

Household hazardous waste day was held Saturday, August 7 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the BPW building. Seventy-one households participated at a cost of \$5,737.00.

The Board signed a transfer request to the Finance Committee for \$9,645 for a 2010 Ford Focus priced from the State bid list. The total cost is \$13,395 however the Board has \$3,750 from the insurance company for its Chevy Cavalier.

Ms. Healey was before the Board to request that the Board submit an application on behalf of the Town and the Sustainability Committee to the State's Bureau of Waste Prevention for a recycling technical assistance grant. Ms. Healey would like to see the Board support the pay-as-you-throw program for trash which has proven to increase recycling rates in communities where a pay-as-you-throw regulation exists. The grant would pay a contractor for up to 80 hours of consultation to assist the Town and the Sustainability Committee on how to gain local support for such a regulation. Discussion ensued. The Board is committed to recycling and a decrease in solid waste, however, to implement the pay-as-you-throw policy now, at a time when most families are finding it difficult to make ends meet due to the national recession, would not be practical or advisable. It was felt that encouraging increased recycling in the existing market would be a better avenue to pursue. Therefore, the Board will apply for the technical assistance grant to create a viable and sustainable recycling program throughout the Fairhaven school system. Individuals from each of the Town's 5 schools have reached out to the Board of Health to increase recycling in their respective school, but there is not one consistent and enforceable

recycling program for the entire school system. Capturing this market could make a sizeable positive impact in the Town's recycling effort. Ms. Fowle was directed to file the application before the deadline of August 30, 2010. The Board thanked Ms. Healey for her input.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent