

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
September 27, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 27, 2010. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: 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 and requested the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2010 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2010 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The Board of Health received the written resignation of the administrative assistant Bernice Alves stating she will be returning to her former position as soon as possible. Other candidates will be forthcoming.

The Board reviewed two septic system designs for repairs to existing dwellings:

245 New Boston Road designed by Al Ewing, P.E. of Fairhaven. The plan is for a 24' x 37' leaching bed using twelve polyethylene contactor 100 units designed for flow of a four bedroom dwelling. The design requires a one foot variance of 310 CMR 15.212 Depth to Groundwater, and will be 3' above the groundwater instead of the required 4' due to the existing topography. The property is served by town water.

Motion to approve the plan with the variance as stated was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. The vote was 2-0 in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

449 Bridge Street designed by Douglas Schneider, P.E. of Mattapoisett. The plans requires the use of the existing 1,000 gallon septic tank, a newly placed 1,000 gallon pump chamber and a 13' x 48' leaching bed designed for flow of a three bedroom dwelling. Two variances are requested – 3' to ground water instead of the required 4' as required in 310 CMR 15.212 Depth to Groundwater, and 11.4' setback of the leaching field to the cellar wall instead of the required 20' as required in 310 CMR 15.211, Minimum Setback Distances. Both variances are due to the topography and size of the lot.

Motion to approve the plan with the variances as stated was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. The vote was 2-0 in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

The health agent reported that the BPW superintendent Bill Fitzgerald requested that Nicholas Charest of the Greater New Bedford Tobacco Control and the health agent hold a training on the Board's tobacco regulation in regards to smoking in town vehicles and on town property. The training occurred on Monday, September 27 at 8:00 AM at the BPW building. Mr. DeTerra was present. The regulation was reviewed, signage was presented and questions were answered. Other town departments will receive the same information.

Both the health agent and food inspector attended a training on the new food allergen regulation of the food code. The new law takes effect October 1, 2010. The health agent will be attending a presentation in Worcester this Thursday on the MassPro process for billing health insurances for administration of the 2010 seasonal flu vaccine. The Public Health Coalition for Emergency Planning has approved payment for a one-day certification training for Board members on November 13, 2010 in Taunton for Ms. Lopes and Mr. DeTerra.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent