

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
October 4, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 4, 2010. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Peter DeTerra 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 27, 2010 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2010 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

The Board of Health was informed that no one had yet applied for the administrative assistant position and the application deadline is October 6.

The Board reviewed the fee schedule for food services and tobacco permits as compared to neighboring communities. After review and discussion and acknowledging that more inspection time is being spent on each establishment due to new regulations, enforcement issues and public demand for safe food it was determined to modestly increase fees for 2011 permits to help cover the actual cost of time spent on the inspection process.

Motion to increase food service fees by \$25.00 each and tobacco permit fees by \$50.00 for 2011 permits and licenses was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

The health agent reported that the School Department will allow Hastings Middle School to be used as a site for a flu clinic for Fairhaven school age children on Tuesday, October 19 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Recreation Center has been secured to hold flu clinics on Tuesday, October 26 and Tuesday, November 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 30 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for all Fairhaven residents. The Board reviewed the flu clinic schedule and concurred with the dates. Participants' health insurances will be billed and the insurance information will be collected at each clinic and billed through the Board office. The Board can only invoice for administration of the vaccine and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will invoice for the cost of the vaccine. This reimbursement process provides for the vaccine to be made available at no charge to the Town by the State in subsequent years. The Board currently has 700 doses.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

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

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent