

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
December 13, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, December 13, 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 November 29, 2010 be amended or approved.

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

A septic system repair plan for 24 Nelson Avenue was reviewed. The plan was prepared by Ferreira Engineering, New Bedford and is for a three bedroom dwelling. The system is comprised of a 1,500 gallon septic tank and an 17'x40' "Quick4 Chamber" leaching bed. A retaining wall with poly-membrane is required along the north, south and east sides of the bed. Two waivers are required: depth of the bottom of the leaching bed to high ground water at three feet in place of the required four feet and distance of 69' to wetlands in place of the required 100' per Board of Health regulations.

Motion to approve the plan with the required waivers was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was two in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

Other business to come before the Board:

Board member Jeannine Lopes received a complaint on Narragansett Star Café, 230 Huttleston Avenue, stating the owner's dog was in the restaurant. Ms. Fowle immediately inspected the establishment. The dog was present in the eatery of the establishment and the owner, Ms. Lorie Schubert, stated the dog is allowed in on cold days but only stays in the eatery and is not allowed in the kitchen. Ms. Fowle explained the requirements of the code and that no animals are allowed in the establishment. A written warning was issued and Ms. Schubert indicated she would seek certification that the dog is a service dog. Ms. Fowle explained that the food code does not allow for an emotional needs service dog and that the code would be enforced with fines and/or suspension of operations should the dog be allowed in the store. Ms. Schubert stated she understood.

Ms. Fowle is preparing the FY2011 budget and annual report, both should be ready for the next meeting.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board. Ms. Fowle will be on vacation December 14 and 15.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, January 3, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent