

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
January 24, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, January 24, 2011. 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 January 3, 2011 be amended or approved.

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

The Board received a written complaint from Joan Marion, 22 Camel Street, stating a rat was in her garage and came from an abutter's property where commercial fishing gear is being stored in the yard. Due to the health agent's hectic schedule and snow storms the health agent was not able to investigate the site until seven days after the initial complaint. Inspection was made of the abutter's yard and stored fishing gear. There were no rodent droppings, rodent runs or trails, rodent burrows, rodent gnaw marks on any of the stored materials or throughout the yard. The area in general is partially forested and there are wetlands. Additionally, another abutter to the complainant is building a stone wall and there are large piles of large rocks on the property which make ideal nesting places for rodents. The Board required that should another complaint be made, the health agent should respond as quickly as possible to observe the conditions at the time of complaint.

The Board discussed the State RFR on regionalization and upon discussion presented a list of tasks they would like to be considered should the regionalization effort move forward. Board members and the health agent will not be available to attend the first organizational meeting on January 26. However, the health agent will keep the Board apprised of progress.

The Board would like to meet with ABC Disposal, Inc. to discuss an extension to the curbside recycling contract. The health agent will secure a meeting in early February.

The Fairhaven Housing Authority has requested the Board do a recycling "do's and don'ts" presentation for the residents at Oxford Terrace on February 8 and McGann Terrace on March 8. The Board welcomes the opportunity.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board. Ms. Fowle will be on vacation until January 31, 2011.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, February 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent