

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH  
February 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 7, 2011. 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 January 24, 2011 be amended or approved.

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

The Board reviewed a FY12 budget addendum showing a breakout of fees for seminars, workshops and professional dues. This was done at the request of the Finance Committee. A letter was received from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program (MTCP) outlining new FDA commissioned State tobacco control inspectors who will be performing compliance checks statewide at all retail tobacco venues. The notice states that local Board of Health cannot be apprised of the inspections or any actions based on findings by the inspectors. The Board will issue a letter to local tobacco retailers informing them of the situation and their responsibilities as retailers. The Board discussed the new MTCP grant for FY12 which now includes alcohol education and prevention. It is the Board's consensus to continue in the Greater New Bedford Tobacco Control collaborative. The health agent gave an update on the local response to the State's RFR for Public Health Regionalization. The process is underway with New Bedford, Dartmouth, Acushnet and Freetown to prepare the RFR document for submittal for late February. Upon review of all submitted RFRs the State will award grants of up to \$40,000 for plan development. Final implementation grants will be awarded by the State in September. The health agent is participating in the local working group and will report to the Board on the outcome.

The Board reviewed the health inspector's report on Antil's Convenience Store and intends to visit the site to observe personally. The Board would like a better tracking system than what is in use presently in the office to determine what food establishments have recently been inspected. To that end the administrative assistant will create a spreadsheet that will be update weekly. The Board will review the spreadsheet monthly.

The Board will present a recycling education session at Oxford Terrace on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent