

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
February 22, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 22, 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 February 7, 2011 be amended or approved.

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

The Chairman requested the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 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 draft response for the Board of Health Incentive Grant to regionalize local Boards of Health. The health agent, working with the New Bedford Health Department director Marianne DeSouza, Dartmouth Board of Health director Wendy Henderson and SRPEDD planner Ross Perry, drafted the written response and requested the Board review and, if the Board agrees with the intent of the draft, approve the proposal and sign the letter of intent which will be part of the grant response. As explained at prior meetings, this is just the first step in a three-part process. If the proposal is approved by the Department of Public Health (DPH) up to \$40,000 would be allocated by mid-March 2011 to create a plan to regionalize local Boards of Health. The intent is to create a "cafeteria style" plan from which the allied Boards of Health could draw upon for job specific work such as beach water testing, lead paint testing, nursing services. The plan would then be submitted to DPH for competitive bid in September 2011 and if funded, the plan could be put in place with funding by the DPH for the first two years. It was understood that any member Board of Health may withdraw from the alliance at anytime.

Motion to approve the grant incentive submittal was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The Chairman signed the letter of intent.

The Board reviewed the fiscal 2011 budget for shortfalls. Though it appears the mileage and pest control line items may require additional funds, it is too early to tell at this time. The health agent will continue monitoring.

The Board reviewed and discussed the curbside recycling contract extension proposal offered by ABC Disposal, Inc. for fiscal 2012, 2013 and 2014. The proposal allows for the contract to remain flat for fiscal 2012 with a three percent increase in the following two years. The Board is inclined to approve the extension, however prior to a vote for approval the Board requires an understanding of why a handling fee is being accessed for commingled materials hauled from the recycle center. The health agent will speak with Jerry Dugan, COO of ABC Disposal, Inc. The contract extension may be revisited at the next meeting.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, March 7 and 21, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent