

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
March 7, 2011

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

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

The Board reviewed a septic system repair plan for a three-bedroom dwelling owned by Paul and Shirley Cardogan at 350 New Boston Road and prepared by Kenneth Ferreira Engineering, Inc. of New Bedford. The proposed system is comprised of a 1,500 gallon monolithic septic tank, a 1,000 gallon monolithic pump chamber and a 24'x42' leaching bed. Two upgrade approvals are required: the leaching bed is 130' to the facility's potable well and the minimum required setback is 150' per local rule; due to high groundwater a sieve analysis was performed in place of the percolation test per Department of Environmental Protection policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-P00-4. No other variances to the code are required.

Motion to accept the plan as prepared, was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. The vote was two in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

As annually required by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the Board received the nomination papers for inspector of animals for Catherine L. Mindlin and Rebekah A. Tomlinson.

Motion to approve Ms. Mindlin and Ms. Tomlinson as Inspectors of Animals for 2011 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

As per the direction of the Board at its previous meeting, the health agent performed a food establishment inspection of Antil's Specialty Meats, 249 Adams Street. The inspection revealed that much repair work and housekeeping needed to be done. The health agent will re-inspect the establishment before the next Board meeting. Should little to no improvement be made, the owner will be required to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Board. The food inspector's reports were also reviewed.

The health agent informed the Board that Ms. Anne Richard, coordinator for the Fairhaven Farmers Market, via email, questioned if the Board did intend to require a seasonal food establishment permit for all non-farm good food vendors in the 2011 Farmers Market. The Board voted on this matter on April 26, 2010 after discussion with Ms. Richard and had voted then to defray the requirement for one year because the 2010 Farmers Market vendors did not have enough time to adjust to the requirement at that time. Discussion ensued and the Board consensus was that the vote of April 26, 2010 should stand.

The Board signed the Curbside Recycling contract extension with ABC Disposal, Inc. for fiscal 2012 through fiscal 2014.

The Board will do a curbside recycling presentation at the McGann Terrace site of the Fairhaven Housing Authority on March 8 and the health agent will attend a recycling workshop in Mansfield on March 9.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent