

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
May 31, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, May 31, 2011 at 6:30 PM. 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 asked for the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2011 be amended or approved.

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

The owner of 182 Ebony Street, Ms. Picozza, entered the meeting and presented a written statement requesting the Board allow municipal water in a proposed garage that was reviewed by the Board on May 2. Ms. Picozza stated she concurs with the Board's regulation that only allows municipal sewer in the principal building on a lot. The request for municipal water is for outside spigots, non-potable uses such as car washing and flower/lawn watering and heating the garage. The property has a well with a well pump in the existing garage. Currently there is no heat in the garage but the new proposed garage and its use will require heat. They hope to retire here and there is no basement and limited storage areas and the garage will mainly be used for storage. The garage will not be used for habitable space. The Board suggested the well water be used for the non-potable uses. However, Mrs. Picozza stated the well does run dry frequently and its use is not practical especially for heating the garage. Ms. Lopes questioned if a cross connection existed between the well and municipal water on the lot. The water department will be informed of the situation to verify there are no cross-connections on the property. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the proposed garage plans with the condition that there be a deed restriction placed on the property stating that there are no bathrooms and will be no bathrooms in the garage structure was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The owners of 9 Almond Street, Mr. & Ms. Hickox, entered the meeting. The Board did not approve the plans for renovation and addition of the structure at the May 31 meeting. The owners explained the proposal in detail giving dimensions and intended uses. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the original plans that were reviewed by the Board on May 31 was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

A septic system inspection for a 2,000 gallon sewage holding tank at 7 Wamsutta Avenue was performed by Foresight Engineering, Lakeville, MA. The system passed the inspection.

Motion to accept the septic system inspection for 7 Wamsutta Avenue was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

Food establishment inspections were reviewed.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent