

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
August 8, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, August 8, 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 that the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 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 the status of the fine amount for illegal dumping in Town along with the data regarding frequency and materials discarded provided by the Board of Public Works (BPW). Ms. Sallie-Lou Johnson, Town resident, was present for this portion of the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Motion to increase the fine for illegal dumping to \$500.00 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The BPW will be informed of the vote and will change the existing signage "\$50 to \$500". The Board will stay in contact with the BPW until the task is completed.

Health Agent's report:

The tight tank septic system at 28 Monondack Avenue that was discussed at the last Board meeting was found to have a faulty toilet flush valve that allowed nearly 3,000 gallons of water to enter the tight tank over a three-week period. The toilet has been replaced and the system is functioning properly.

Sue Griffin, Food Inspector, reported in writing to the Board that the Town Crier, Maitland Street, has been without a certified food manager since at least March, 2011. The former cook at the bar stated he was certified but never forwarded the paperwork to the Board. It is believed he was not certified. The cook no longer works there and no other employee is a certified food manager. Both the owner and manager have had discussions with the inspector stating they would be taking the course but to date neither have.

Motion to send a written notice of possible permit suspension or curtailment of an operation and a hearing to discuss the matter before the Board at its next scheduled meeting was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The health agent reported that the soft serve ice cream at Naughty Dawgs, 114 Huttleston Avenue, is either not being bacteriologically tested per month as required by law or the testing laboratory is not reporting the results directly to the Board office as required by law. The inspector had to repeatedly ask for the reports from both the store and the lab. There was one bad report and one repeat report in July. Motion to have the health agent investigate the issue at Naughty Dawgs which has been under suspension in the past because of the same procedure was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The Board required the Health Agent to ready the change in regulation to ban the sale of tobacco products at healthcare institutions and to contact both the Dartmouth and New Bedford Health Directors to determine if their communities intend to move forward with the ban.

A request for the keeping of animals was received for 5 Edgewater Street. The Board will do an on-site inspection on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 12:30 PM. The owners will be notified. A public hearing regarding the granting of the permit for the animals will be held Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Notices will be forwarded to all immediate abutters.

Food establishment inspections were reviewed. Complaints received 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 7:15 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent