

**MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH**  
September 12, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, September 12, 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, Eric Moniz, 6 Camel Street.

Mr. DeTerra, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked that the minutes of the meeting of August 22, 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 letter of complaint from Ms. Meyer-Pelletier, owner of 3 Fort Street, in regards to bothersome noise levels caused by generators used by two food vending trucks parked across the street from her residence which abuts the Fort Phoenix beach and parking lots. The letter is part of this record. The health agent reported that she has recently observed the two vendors, Captain Clam Cakes and Danny's Mobile, sound-boarding their external generators which has muffled the noise somewhat. Now that the season is coming to an end the matter might best be addressed through requirements placed on the vendors when the next year permits are issued. Discussion ensued. The Board required the health agent to contact abutting communities to see if they have any regulations or standards that might be utilized to circumvent the problem for next year.

Mr. & Ms. Marion, 22 Camel Street, entered the meeting. Ms. Marion had written a letter of complaint addressed to the Town in regards to the abutting property at 6 Camel Street that Mr. Eric Moniz, also present, owns. Pictures provided and the letter of complaint are part of this record. Ms. Marion stated she complained to the Board office that Mr. Moniz recently threw about 50 lobster carcasses on his driveway. This smelled very bad, attracted flies and rodents and was disgusting. Additionally Mr. Moniz does not keep his property clean. He is a commercial lobsterman and stores a lot of his equipment, including numerous traps, open bait barrels and the like on his property. Some bait barrels are open and collect rain water which leads to an increased mosquito population. This is all very dangerous with West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis being found in local mosquitoes. Something has to be done about this. Mr. Moniz countered that he did have a party and he did allow his guests to throw the lobster carcasses in the driveway intending to crush the shells into the gravel base of the driveway. His lobster equipment is clean, does not stink and is in order. If there is trash about his property, it is windblown and no more than any of the other neighbors. Mr. Marion stated he is a commercial fisherman and he stores no equipment at his home. He believes that because of Mr. Moniz's habits, there are mosquitoes on Camel Street and not anywhere else on Sconticut Neck Road. Ms. Lopes stated she has a relative who lives very nearby Camel Street and mosquitoes are a pronounced problem throughout the area because of the abundance of wetlands. Ms. Marion inquired what the Board intends to do about her complaints. Ms. Caton stated that she understands how the Marion's feel. One should expect that neighbors will be respectful of each other and not throw garbage and carcasses around their property and try to eliminate other offending practices. Ms. Caton stated it is the responsibility of the Board of Health to ensure good environmental practices throughout. She stated that if an issue is a Board of Health responsibility, then the Board will do what is required. Mr. DeTerra stated that the majority of the issues Ms. Marion has with her neighbor are under the jurisdiction of other departments. Those items that are under the control of the Board of Health will be monitored by Board members and the health agent. Ms. Marion stated she will not rest until this is resolved.

A proposed date for a flu clinic for children 18 years and younger is October 18, 2011 at the Recreation Center from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The school department, recreation center and visiting nurses association will be contacted to secure the date as soon as the vaccine is received.

Health Agent's report:

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 7:55 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, September 26, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent