

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
October 11, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Peter DeTerra 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 September 26, 2011 be amended or approved.
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed plans for the Southcoast Hospitals Group proposed Ambulatory Care Center at 206 Mill Road. The proposal is for construction of a 60,000 square foot ambulatory care, essentially a medical professional building, of which 4,500 square feet will be an urgent care center. The new building will be connected by a footpath to the existing cancer treatment center on site. Request for review of the plan was from the Board of Appeals. The Board's only comment was to expand the existing sidewalk along Mill Road and Shady Drive so that employees and others are not walking in the street.

The Board reviewed the proposed amendments to "Fairhaven Tobacco Control Regulations Affecting Youth Access to Tobacco Products" which would prohibit the sale of tobacco by healthcare institutions, essentially pharmacies, and define and regulate e-cigarettes. Discussion ensued.
Motion to maintain the existing regulations and wait for the Department of Public Health to take the lead on the issues was made by Ms. Lopes, Seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's report:

At a recent seminar at which temporary food events was discussed a new advisory/educational pamphlet was provided which can be given to the food event supervisors for temporary fairs. The pamphlet is clear, current and speaks plainly of the responsibilities of food vendors in the sale and preparation of food at temporary events. The Board would like the pamphlet to be given to all event participants in the future in place of the current pamphlet which is quite old.

The Board reviewed a photo submitted by a resident of Narragansett Star Café, 230 Huttleston Avenue dated October 5, 2011 showing the owner's dog tied to the front stairway. The Board discussed the photo and the consensus is that the dog tied to the stairs is no different than many other establishments where the animal's owner ties their pet while the owner shops. This is not a public health issue but rather a matter for the establishment owner to discern as it affects their business.

The Department of Public Health announced today prior to the Board's flu clinic that the vaccine may be given to any resident as long as there is enough vaccine for the pediatric population. There were 180 participants at today's clinic. The next clinic will be Tuesday, October 18 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the recreation center. There is ample vaccine.

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 7:00 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent