

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
October 24, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Jeannine Lopes, Dolores Caton and Peter DeTerra. 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 October 11, 2011 be amended or approved.

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

Mr. David Simmons, owner of the new food establishment "Simmy's", 58 Washington Street, entered the meeting. Mr. Simmons explained that he is renting the space formally used by Morgan's and Hot Rod Grill. He cleaned and renovated the restaurant and has bought new equipment to bring the establishment into compliance with the food code. However, due to space limitations he cannot find room for a vegetable sink. He is seeking a waiver to allow use of the triple bin sink as the vegetable sink in the morning and late afternoon when the restaurant is closed. He has worked as a chef for most of his life and will be at the establishment full time. The certified food manager will also be working full time. Mr. Simmons gave the Board a proposed menu showing the establishment will be open from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM seven days a week. The health agent noted there is no mop sink in the establishment. However, the plumbing inspector Norman Lussier has approved the use of the floor drain which is sized for the use and is vented. Mr. Simmons stated he hopes to open this weekend if he passes all the required inspections. Discussion ensued.

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

The Board reviewed the site plan for 114-116 Huttleston Avenue where Naughty Dawgs and Homlyke Bakery are presently located. A new retail building will occupy the site and will be serviced by Town sewer and water. No comments were offered.

Health Agent's report:

Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Avenue, a store specializing in baked goods, candies and ice cream opened October 22.

The health agent will inspect the café at the Oncology Center, 206 Mill Road, because the café appears to be offering foods other than the approved menu listing which was allowed based on the limited kitchen size and available equipment.

There has been no response from the homeowners of 314 New Boston Road regarding the complaints of overflowing water onto an abutter's property and septic system. The complaint was filed in housing court. Complaints are still received regarding junk piled at 10 Francis Street. A letter to the owner has been sent. The flu clinic of October 18 had 259 participants, of which 60 were less than 18 years of age.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The next meeting are Monday, November 7 and November 21, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent