

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
November 7, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, November 7, 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 24, 2011 be amended or approved.

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

Mr. Jeff Tallman, SITEC Engineering, Inc. of Dartmouth entered the meeting to represent 8 Windward Way. The owners wish to add living space/bedroom suite over the garage. They have owned the property since 2006 and require more space, especially when family members visit. The septic system was upgraded in 1992 and sized at a 560 gallon per day flow. The dwelling is presently a four-bedroom 440 gallon per day flow. The proposed bedroom would bring the flow to 550 gallons per day. Most of the lot is in a flood zone and an abutter has a potable well. Setbacks would be difficult to meet should a new system be required. Sewer would cost approximately \$70,000 to bring to the site. Discussion ensued.

Motion to allow the use of the existing system for the proposed construction/addition as long as the system components and system condition are in good working order as observed by the health agent when the septic system is pumped was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was two in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

The Board reviewed a septic system plan designed by Al Ewing, P.E. of Fairhaven for a new three-bedroom dwelling at 7 Windward Way. The design is for a 1500 gallon septic tank, 1000 gallon pump chamber and 30 contactor 100 units in a bed formation. The septic system meets the requirements of the Environmental Code, Title 5.

Motion to approve the septic design was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was two in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

Health Agent's report:

The health agent, accompanied by Mr. DeTerra, inspected the café at the Oncology Center, 206 Mill Road. The menu items being offered do require additional kitchen equipment such as a handwash sink, compartment refrigerator unit and a triple bin sink. The health agent did speak with the company manager and an onsite meeting will occur this week or next. The company is amenable to providing whatever the Board and Code requires.

Upon inspection at 314 New Boston Road it was determined that a sump pump in the home is pumping excess groundwater onto a property line shared with the complainant. Since the water is not sanitary water and is not impacting either septic system, the matter is a civil matter and must be resolved by the affected parties. A letter of finding and explanation will be written to both parties.

The owner of 10 Francis Street is working to eliminate stored materials in the yard. Progress is slow and complaints are continuing. A re-inspection will be done next week.

A garbage storage complaint has been rectified at 87 Church Street.

The flu clinics of October 25 and November 1 had 28 participants total. Total shots given to date are 465. Simmy's Restaurant, 58 Washington Street, opened November 3, 2011.

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Restaurant 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 7:05 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent