

REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
October 15, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Barbara Acksen, Jeannine Lopes and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked that the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2012 be amended or approved.

Ms. Lopes motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A septic system inspection report for 312 New Boston Road performed by Andrew Gomes of Andrew Gomes Equipment Company, Acushnet on September 23, 2012 was reviewed. The system passed the inspection.

Ms. Lopes motioned to accept the report. Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was two in favor of the motion. Mr. DeTerra abstained.

A septic system inspection report for 23 Shaw's Cove performed by Robert Field, P.E. of Field Engineering, Inc., Mattapoisett on October 2, 2012 was reviewed. The system is a conditional pass. It requires a distribution box which will be installed once the Conservation Commission grants approval for the work which is on a barrier beach. At that time a septic system construction permit will be required from the Board of Health office. The work will be inspected by the health agent to ensure code compliance. Once completed the system will pass the inspection requirements.

Ms. Lopes motioned to accept the report. Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A septic system repair plan prepared by Rick Charon, P.E. of Charon Associates, Inc. in Rochester for 51 Mangham Way was reviewed. Municipal sewer is 600' away and it is cost prohibitive to extend the sewer line. The property is surrounded by wetlands. The septic plan is for a three-bedroom flow system with a 2000 gallon septic tank/pump chamber to a distribution box and a 22'x28' Presby or Geo-flow leaching field. A number of variances from Title 5, State Environmental Code 310 CMR 15.000 are required: 15.212-requesting 2' to groundwater; 15.211-requesting 10' to cellar walls; 15.211-requesting 4' to the street line; 15.211-requesting 6' to the garage slab; 15.255-requesting less than 5' overdig on the south, north and east sides of the leaching facility. A 40ml impermeable rubber membrane and 2' to 3' high retaining wall will surround the leaching facility. A waiver from the Board's Chapter V Regulation, Section 14 requesting 50' to wetlands is also required.

Motion to accept the plan and approve the requested variances and waiver with the condition that low flow plumbing devices be in use in the dwelling was made by Ms. Lopes. Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was two in favor of the motion. Mr. DeTerra abstained.

The Board received an Indoor Air Quality Report on the Oxford School for September, 2012 from the Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Additional testing will be performed by the BEH during the heating season to ensure the indoor air quality remains within acceptable limits.

The Health Agent reported on the following:

The two flu clinics on October 2 and 4 were well attended with 438 doses being given in total. Close to 70 participants were under the age of 25. There is still some vaccine remaining and the Community Nurse will be giving shots at the weekly blood pressure clinics at Town Hall for those who request it.

Pizza Hut NE has replaced the leaking freezer units in the kitchen at Pizza Hut, Fairhaven Commons Way. The stand up refrigerator is being repaired presently and will be receiving a new compressor. All refrigerated temperatures were below 40°F. The health agent will be checking on the repair. 2013 Food Establishment permit applications and Tobacco Sales applications will be sent out this week.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Lopes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM Ms. Aksen seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent