

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
May 19, 2014

A Regular Board of Health Meeting was held at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, on Wednesday, May 19, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board of Health members present: Ms. Lopes, Mr. DeTerra and Ms. Acksen. Health Agent Patricia Fowle was also present.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to amend or approve the minutes of April 23, 2014. Mr. DeTerra motioned to approve the minutes; Ms. Acksen stated she would second the motion from the time she entered the meeting which had already started; Ms. Lopes seconded to approve that portion of the minutes that Ms. Acksen was not present for. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed septic system repair plans for 5 Seabreeze and 7 Seabreeze Avenue as prepared by Richard Riccio, P.E. of Field Engineering, Inc. of Mattapoisett. Presently both structures are on one lot. The proposal is to subdivide the lot and sell as two independent properties. Both dwellings are two bedroom and will require deed restrictions stating such. Both systems will have a 2,000 gallon septic tank/pump chamber combination with flow into their respective Cultec C4 contactor drain fields. Both systems require a local upgrade waiver to allow 3 feet to groundwater in place of the requisite 4 feet. Ms. Acksen motioned to approve both plans with the required waivers; Ms. Lopes seconded. Mr. DeTerra abstained having done work in the past for the owners. The vote was two in favor and one abstention.

A septic system inspection was performed at 308 New Boston Road by Darren Michaelis of Foresight Engineering, Inc. of West Wareham, MA. The health agent was present during the inspection. The system passed the requirements. The Board reviewed the written report. Mr. DeTerra motioned to accept the report as written; Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The health agent reported that she was present during a septic system inspection at 258 Huttleston Avenue also performed by Darren Michaelis on May 5, 2014. The system passed the requirements. However the written report had not been received in the office as of today.

The health inspector is out on sick leave through June 2, 2014. The Board asked to forward the Personnel By-Law to them.

Ms. Lopes inquired into the current status of the proposed medical marijuana dispensary of Brighton Health Advocates d/b/a Compassionate Care in Fairhaven. Ms. Lopes stated she had observed the Planning Board's hearing for the Special Permit required from the Planning Board and was concerned that the Board would be issuing additional requirements not stipulated by the Department of Public Health or the Town's By-Law recently passed by Town Meeting. Also there was some confusion regarding two box trailers that were to be used as seedling start-up grow areas that were not indicated as such on the plans submitted to the Board of Health through the Planning Department. Ms. Acksen spoke about the supply-demand factor especially at start-up. Discussion ensued. The outcome was to have the health agent speak with the Planning Department regarding the Board's concerns and forward the information to the Board members. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 20, 2014, for a final review and approval of the Special Permit Application for Compassionate Care.

Household hazardous waste day for residents only is scheduled with Clean Harbors, Inc. for Saturday, August 2, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street.

Bristol County Mosquito Control has notified the office that mosquito spraying will commence June 2, 2014, weather permitting. Residents can request spraying by calling 508-823-5253 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., by fax 24 hours a day at 508-828-1868 and by email at RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net. Residents can call 1-617-582-6218 May 28 through October 31 after 3:00 p.m. to find out if their street is scheduled to be sprayed the following day.

The Board received a written request from the Board of Selectmen which was addressed to “All Department Heads” regarding “Job Descriptions and Evaluations” and requested the department head to “work on job descriptions” for positions listed in an attachment of which the health agent and part-time health inspector are included. The descriptions are to be handed into the Selectmen’s Office by June 27, 2014. It was noted that the positions of health agent and part-time health inspector are under the sole jurisdiction of the Board of Health and the job descriptions should be approved by the Board of Health. The Board concurred that the newly written health inspector job description that was submitted to the Personnel Board and approved is completed and should not change. A current job description for the health agent must be written and will be reviewed by the Board of Health prior to a submittal to the Selectmen’s Office.

Invoices were signed. The next Board of Health meeting will be June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Acksen. The vote was unanimous. The Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent