

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
July 21, 2014

A Regular Board of Health Meeting was held at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board of Health members present: Ms. Lopes and Mr. DeTerra. Ms. Acksen was absent. Health Agent Patricia Fowle was present.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and stated that the Board will adjourn the Regular Meeting when the regular business is completed and enter into and adjourn from an Executive Meeting Session. Ms. Lopes asked for a motion to amend or approve both the regular minutes and the executive minutes of June 9, 2014. Mr. DeTerra motioned to approve all minutes; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A septic system inspection was performed at 11 Winsegansett Avenue by Jason Youngquist, Outback Engineering, Middleboro, MA on June 18, 2014. 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. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed the rewriting of its Chapter VII, "Domestic Animals", of the Board of Health Rules & Regulations. The regulation content was not amended. However, the language was made clearer for residents to understand the requirements for the keeping of domestic animals such as chickens which have become a frequent inquiry to the Board office. The health agent asked if the Board would consider foregoing having each applicant appear before the Board if all of the requirements have been met with the application. Mr. DeTerra stated he would like the applicants before the Board to assure they understand what they are undertaking with the care of the animals and how it may affect abutters. Ms. Lopes agreed.

Motion to accept the re-write as written was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous.

Hazardous Waste Day is August 2, 2014 from 9:00 to Noon at 5 Arsene Street with Clean Harbors, Inc. The entry data form used by the town has been streamlined to speed up the drop-off process.

Proposed dates for flu clinics are October 14 and 21, 2014, depending on date of receipt of the vaccine. October 14 will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and October 21 will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The location has not been secured, however it is hopeful the Recreation Center will allow the use as in past years.

ABC Disposal, Inc. reports the new recycle and trash collection system is working well in New Bedford with no major problems encountered. Recycle rates have increased dramatically. The same should occur in Fairhaven. Collection vehicles intended for use in Fairhaven have been ordered by ABC.

The Health Agent asked the Board to support her request for a pay level change from level 17 to level 20. The last request to level 17 was made in May, 1996. The current request was made given the changes in codes and requirements in licensure, emergency preparedness and other Board of Health code requirements since 1996, including the newly approved health agent job description. The request and supportive information, which is part of this record, was reviewed by the Board. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve and support the pay level change for the health agent from level 17 to level 20 was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. DeTerra will accompany the health agent before the Personnel Board in requesting the change and stating the Board's support.

The health agent requested to use one vacation day from this use year on the first day of her next use year which would be August 11, 2014.

Ms. Lopes motioned to approve the request, Mr. DeTerra seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Invoices were signed.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and move to Executive Session was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent