

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
May 6, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Peter DeTerra and Lindsay Gordon. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Chairman DeTerra called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Organization Meeting of April 13, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Gordon; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous.

The agenda indicated a review of an agreement with Fairhaven Valero, 130 Huttleston Avenue regarding two fines for the sale of flavored tobacco products. Because the situation is in litigation, Mr. DeTerra stated he intended to enter into Executive Session at the close of the Regular Meeting.

Health Agent's Report:

1. A septic system inspection report prepared by All Clear Septic & Wastewater Services, Inc, Norton, MA for 3 Antone Drive was reviewed. The status is a Conditional Pass which segues into the new owner's proposal to renovate the dwelling into a five (5) bedroom home which requires an upgrade to the existing septic system. The health agent had not had time to review the plan and requested the Board allow the health agent to approve the proposal as long as the plan was in compliance with Title 5. Motion to allow the health agent to approve the septic system upgrade plan for 3 Antone Drive as a five (5) bedroom dwelling as long as the plan conforms to Title 5 with no variances required was made by Ms. Gordon; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous.
2. Thirty (30) sewer tie in demand notices were sent certified mail to homeowners whose properties are still not tied into the municipal sewer as required by Town By-Law, Chapter 158. Tie in's must be completed by November 1, 2015.
3. The most recent food service inspection spreadsheet was reviewed by the Board. Discussion ensued. The Board is pleased with the continuing progress.
4. The health agent attended a seminar that had some focus on public and semi-public swimming pools. A new regional State inspector is in the area and will be checking on the one semi-public pool in Fairhaven. A second semi-public pool is being renovated/constructed at The Seaport Inn. The health agent met with the site manager and discussed the State's access and safety requirements to ensure the pool will meet with the requirements. The management staff was very involved in the discussion and the work on the pool continues.
5. The Board received the final Fairhaven Wind curtailment report for the 2014-2015 curtailment season.
6. The Board reviewed two plans forwarded for comment by the Planning Department: 250 Bridge Street for a proposed 10,000 sq ft building and parking area for a new car dealership and 294 Huttleston Avenue for a proposed 9,590 sq ft commercial building for business trucks and landscape materials storage. Discussion ensued. The Board offered no comments on either property.

7. In Other Business: the health agent was part of a State Tobacco Control Program (MTCP) webinar on flavored tobacco bans. A draft policy on enforcement was reviewed along with discussion amongst other cities and towns with the same regulation. Hopefully by June 1 the MTCP will issue a list of flavored tobacco products that are banned which will make enforcement more uniform. It is noted that tobacco companies are now changing the labeling so that any characteristic flavor is not part of the label on the package. The MTCP will advise and continue to update the list of banned flavored products once the list becomes available.

Invoices were reviewed and signed.

There being no other regular business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra stated the Board would be entering into Executive Session to discuss a litigation case and would not be re-convening.

Roll call vote to enter into Executive Session and not to reconvene the Regular Meeting was taken: Ms. Gordon in favor, Mr. DeTerra in favor. The vote was unanimous and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent