

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
June 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Peter DeTerra, Jeannine Lopes 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 Executive Meeting of May 6, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

1. 29 out of the 30 sewer tie in mandates have been received by the homeowners. To date two properties have been tied into sewer with a few more verbally committing to tying-in in early Fall.
2. Upcoming fairs requiring a food service inspection are: Buzzards Bay Swim June 20 at Ft. Phoenix, Fairhaven Farmers' Market June 21 at Fairhaven High School Main Street yard and Fairhaven Homecoming June 26. The health agent will be covering these fairs.
3. The Board reviewed some of the on-going complaints the health agent has been occupied with.
4. The MDPH has officially informed the Board there will be 50 flu shots allocated to the Board for the 2015-2016 flu season. Only non-insured adults are eligible for the free vaccine thus the drop in the allocation. MDPH would like local Boards to offer flu vaccine to all under the age of 19 at no cost. More vaccine is available for this intention if desired by the Board.
5. The Board reviewed the restaurant inspection spreadsheet and was informed the health inspector is presently not working due to a medical condition. It is hoped he will return the later part of June. All routine inspections are up to date. The health agent is covering all other events and situations as was discussed in the complaint review with the Board.
6. The Board received a copy of the MDPH Emergency Preparedness approved Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) which clearly outlines the responsibilities of the Board and its staff during any emergency situation. The Board reviewed the document and concurred the COOP is clear in its discussion.
7. The health agent reported that the firm of LaurelRidge Consulting, hired by the Board of Selectman as approved by the Special Town Meeting in May, 2015 to interview and define all job descriptions for non-union personnel, interviewed the health agent on Monday, June 8. Mr. DeTerra as Board chairman attended as well. The interviewers stated a draft report would be issued and the Board of Health would receive a copy. The intent is to more clearly define job descriptions and to determine an appropriate level of pay for all employees under the Personnel Board.

At 7:05 pm Mr. Bob Espindola, Selectman, entered the meeting to discuss a wellness program that he hoped the Board would not only support but also participate in. Mr. Espindola gave a history of the town's Wellness Advisory Team that was in place to create a program for town employees who are on the town's health insurance plan. The initial \$8,000 request to endorse a Wellness Program associated with the town's insurance carrier was not endorsed by the Selectmen. As a result Mr. Espindola is

seeking support to involve employees, Boards and townspeople in healthy and active lifestyles. He noted the following opportunities offered in town presently: Southcoast Health Van screenings will be available to townspeople at different town properties through June; a summer regional bike challenge now in its second year and which Fairhaven won last year is up and running and a Step Challenge starting June 22 and running 6 weeks that encourages walking at least 7,000 steps per day. Discussion ensued and the Board volunteered to participate in the Step Challenge as a team stating they intend to win! Mr. Espindola accepted the challenge then left the meeting.

Invoices were reviewed and signed.

There being no other regular business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra called to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gordon motioned to adjourn; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:50 pm. The next scheduled Board of Health meeting will be July 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent