

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
September 16, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 16, 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 of August 26, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed a septic system inspection report for 41 Winona Avenue performed by Fairhaven Honeywagon on August 11, 2015, and received in the office on August 27, 2015. The health agent was present during the inspection. The inspection passed. The Board reviewed the report and concurs with the finding.

Ms. Lopes motioned to accept the septic system inspection for 41 Winona Avenue; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A septic system inspection was performed today at 3 Brownell Avenue by Fairhaven Honeywagon. The health agent was present during the inspection and it passed. The written report is not yet completed. Ms. Lopes motioned to allow the health agent to approve the submitted report as long as the report is true and accurate to the observed inspection, rather than have the homeowner wait for the next Board meeting; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The health agent presented for review a septic system plan for construction of a new 5 bedroom dwelling on a newly formed lot at 235 New Boston Road. The plan was drawn by Al Ewing, P.E. of Fairhaven. The dwelling will be served by a private well. The septic system requires no waivers or variances from Title 5 or the Board of Health Regulations. The new owners need to move quickly on the matter and to construct as soon as possible due to family matters, thus the request for review at this time rather than waiting for the next Board meeting. The Board reviewed the plan. Mr. DeTerra abstained from the discussion and review.

Ms. Lopes motioned to approve the septic plan as designed for 235 New Boston Road; Ms. Gordon seconded. Mr. DeTerra abstained. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

1. Beach water sampling is complete. No beach was required to be posted "closed" per the MaDPH regulations during the season.
2. The Board reviewed recycle tonnage weights for August which went down 2%.
3. Upcoming temporary food events were reviewed: Katie's Walk 9/19, Snow in the Park 9/27, Manjuro Festival 10/3, Harvest Festival 10/10 and the end of the Farmer's Market 10/17. The health agent is trying to secure the necessary permit applications from the different vendors for each event. Required inspections will be performed by the health agent.
4. Attorney General Maura Healey announced "new State regulations" regarding the sale of e-cigarettes which take effect September 25, 2015. The regulations mirror the Board's newly adopted regulations of January 2015 except that child proof packaging is required for the nicotine material. This aspect of the regulation goes into effect March 15, 2016.

5. The flu vaccine was received today. The refrigerator is "behaving". There is one clinic planned tentatively for October 6, 2015, at the Recreation Center on 227 Huttleston Avenue from 5:00-7:00 PM. The clinic will be for school age children K-12 and uninsured adults only. The health agent has contacted the lead school nurse, Denise Valois, who will pass the word through the school department. The clinic doctor has not yet signed on as the clinic physician but this should be settled by the end of the week. The health agent would like to invite a local pharmacy into Town Hall to do a flu clinic for town employees. There would be no cost to the Town and no co-pay cost to individuals with insurances that are acceptable to the pharmacy. The Council On Aging is doing this also for its senior clients. Discussion ensued. The Board would like to proceed with this matter.
6. The Board today received an application for the keeping of a horse and one goat on Gелlette Road. A Board hearing is required with notification to abutters. The applicant has received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The hearing should be scheduled for the next Board meeting as the applicant already owns the horse and goat and is waiting to get the approvals in place.
7. The administrative assistant has returned and is working part-time to the end of September per doctor's orders. Administrative issues involving the Board of Selectmen have not been resolved and attorneys are involved. No other information has been forth coming.

Invoices were signed.

The Board discussed when to meet next. The health agent will contact all Board members to determine availability. There being no other regular business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra motioned to adjourn; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent