

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
March 2, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Jeannine Lopes, Barbara Acksen and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Acksen. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent Report:

The Board reviewed a plan for a septic system repair at 83 Nakata Avenue as prepared by Kenneth Ferreira Engineering, Inc. of New Bedford, MA. The plan is for an existing three bedroom dwelling and requires two waivers from Title 5 for the leaching system: 1) a request for a one foot waiver to the required four feet to groundwater, and 2) to allow the use of the original sieve analysis data for design criteria. The plan meets all other requirements.

Motion to approve the plan with the stipulated waivers to Title 5, 310 CMR 15.000, was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Acksen. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed a plan for a septic system for new construction on Mill Road at the Acushnet line for a three bedroom dwelling to be served by a private well. The system was designed by Al Ewing, PE of Fairhaven, MA and meets all code requirements.

Motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Ms. Acksen; seconded by Ms. Lopes. The vote was two in favor with Mr. DeTerra abstaining.

The Board reviewed the latest food inspection and retail tobacco inspection reports. The health agent informed the Board that a non-criminal disposition ticket has been issued to Fairhaven Valero for having banned flavored tobacco products accessible in the store. The owner is appealing the ticket in District Court. No date has been set as yet.

The Board received information and flyers on the upcoming Rabies Vaccination clinics for cats and dogs to be held at both local veterinarian hospitals on Sunday, March 22, 2015.

The Board reviewed the site plan for the Coastal Compassion medical marijuana dispensary as submitted to the Planning Department for a required Special Permit issued by the Planning Board. The Board of Health commented on the proposed location of a dumpster location with concerns for security and accessibility by the public. The health agent was directed to refer the Board's comments to the Planning Department.

The Board reviewed proposed plans submitted by The Ice House, 136 Huttleston Avenue, for renovation of the kitchen facility and construction of an additional bar area in the facility. The Board had no comments on the plan.

The health agent updated the Board on the new trash and recycling carts that are currently being distributed. Due to the horrible winter weather this year, all of the carts are not yet distributed but it is hoped ABC Disposal., Inc. will have the task completed no later than March 6, 2015. There have been many calls to the Board office in this regard and requesting information on the new recycling guidelines.

The Board questioned the completion of the stacked trailer "wall" at Fairhaven Shipyard. The health agent stated it appears to be about 80% completed along Water Street. Complaints on the construction timeline are routinely sent by two complainants to the DEP with the Board of Health office being copied.

In regard to the wind turbines, the Board noted receipt from Fairhaven Wind of the monthly reports on the turbines' automatic curtailment as required by the compliance agreement with the town. The reports will continue through April 1 as stipulated in the agreement.

The Board asked if there was any final outcome regarding the settlement with Susan Griffin, former health inspector. The health agent will forward information as soon as it is available.

Invoices were signed.

There being no other regular business before the Board, motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Acksen. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent