

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
January 27, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Peter DeTerra, Jeannine Lopes and Lindsay Gordon. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent and Mark Rees, Town Administrator.

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 December 29, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

The Chairman welcomed Mark Rees, the new Town Administrator to the meeting. Mr. Rees stated he is meeting with all Boards and Commissions in Town. He acknowledged the autonomy of the Board of Health and thanked the Board for willingly participating in the transition into the new form of governance for Fairhaven. Mr. Rees then briefly explained the new budget process that will be in use for fiscal 2017 and invited Board members to the department meeting when the Board of Health budget will be reviewed. Mr. Rees then left the meeting.

Board review/approval:

1. The Board reviewed a septic system inspection report for 31 (recently changed to 29) Charity Stevens Lane performed by System Inspector Andrew J. Gomes on December 17, 2015, and received in the office on January 5, 2016. The health agent was present during the inspection. The inspection passed. The Board reviewed the report and concur with the finding.

Ms. Lopes motioned to accept the septic system inspection for 29 Charity Stevens Lane; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

2. The Board reviewed a proposed septic system plan for new construction at 27 Charity Stevens Lane for a three bedroom dwelling to be served by a private well. The system was designed by John Marchand, PE of Thompson Farland Engineering and meets all code requirements.

Motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

3. The Board reviewed a proposed septic system plan for new construction at 31 Charity Stevens Lane for a three bedroom dwelling to be served by a private well. The system was designed by John Marchand, PE of Thompson Farland Engineering and meets all code requirements.

Motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

4. The Board reviewed a proposed septic system plan for new construction at 33 Charity Stevens Lane for a three bedroom dwelling to be served by a private well. The system was designed by John Marchand, PE of Thompson Farland Engineering and meets all code requirements.

Motion to approve the plan as presented was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

1. The Board reviewed the proposed fiscal 2017 budget. Ms. Lopes noted an error on the Household Hazardous Waste line item. Correction was made. The error did not affect the bottom line. Other line items of note were Seminars and Professional Gatherings, Clinics and the public health nurse contract. Discussion ensued. The health agent was directed to get copies of other public health nursing contracts

with other communities. An informal study of the contracts will be done by the Board and the health agent at a date to be determined. No budget changes were made.

2. The monthly Fairhaven Wind LLC turbine curtailment tracker was reviewed. Fairhaven Wind LLC emails daily notices of any curtailment event. The monthly report is a synopsis of these events.
3. Written questions from two residents were received regarding the Fairhaven Shipyard-north yard-work practices as they relate to the DEP agreement with Fairhaven Shipyard. The questions were forwarded to the DEP. When a response is received the Board will be notified.
4. The Board reviewed the latest curbside recycle tonnage report. The Green Committee requests to meet with the Board at its next meeting to discuss the curbside recycle program and its goals.
5. Homeowners and design engineers have recently complained of the fee charged for a repair percolation test. The Board reviewed a fee schedule of other local Towns' fees the health agent compiled. Fairhaven's fee is \$400 which is the same for new construction. Discussion ensued. Ms. Lopes motioned to change the repair percolation test fee to \$300; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.
6. The board reviewed the latest spreadsheet for retail food inspections and tobacco retail stores.
7. The Board received the landfill bi-annual inspection report as prepared by Brown & Caldwell. The status of the landfill is that it is in good shape. The report has been forwarded to DEP as required by law.
8. The Board received a copy of the EPA Superfund Lower Harbor CAD update. Dredging is scheduled to start up again in February and will continue for at least 3 months in the vicinity of Cozy Cove Marina , Monday through Saturday, 6:00 am to 4:30 pm. A colorized GIS location print was also provided.
9. The paint stewardship bill has passed the State Senate and is now in the House Ways & Means. It is not known when the bill will be heard. The bill requires retailers who sell paint to take paint back.
10. Chris Medeiros, owner of Mackatan General Store, 41 Causeway Road, would like to speak to the Board about placing picnic tables on his property for the summer so that people can eat the dinners they buy at the store. Immediate abutters will be notified of the meeting.

Invoices were signed.

The next meeting will be February, 24, 2016, at 6:30 pm. The Green Committee and Mackatan owner and abutters will be notified. The health agent will email Board members to determine when a working meeting can be mutually set to review public health nursing contracts once they are received.

There being no other Regular business before the Board, Ms. Lopes motioned to adjourn; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent