

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
March 29, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Jeannine Lopes, Lindsay Gordon, and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent and Paula Medeiros, Administrative Assistant.

Chairwoman 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 February 22, 2017.

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

Before the Board:

Before the Board was Mr. Bruce Delano of 41 Weeden Road to request approval for the keeping of 9 chickens and 1 potbelly pig. Mr. Delano stated that he had been unaware a permit was required. The Health Agent did report that she along with the ACO and the Assistant ACO inspected the property and stated it was a pristine spot for the animals and had no objections. The site meets all of the Board of Health regulation requirements. All abutters were notified.

Motion to approve the keeping of 9 chickens, 1 potbelly pig and no rooster was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Before the Board was Mr. Rick Charon of Charon Associates Inc., Rochester, MA for a proposed septic repair plan at 4 Windward Way. This is a 3 bedroom house with an addition being added that does not add any additional rooms. A perc test was done in the front yard and they were limited to 1 hole due to area restrictions. A variance is needed for the septic tank/pump chamber as they can only get 7 feet, not the required 10 feet, from the garage slab. The proposed leaching facility is 3' to groundwater, not the required 4'. The Health Agent concurred with the review.

Motion to approve the plan with variances was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Before the Board was Mr. Kevin Silva of S&K Engineering, Westport, MA for a proposed septic repair plan at 118 New Boston Road. The existing dwelling will be knocked down and a new house will be built. They plan on doing a walk out basement which will allow for a gravity septic system. The septic system inspection performed in December 2016, passed and the Health Agent was present at the time. The intent is to remove the existing septic tank and pump chamber and replace with a new septic tank and utilize the existing leaching facility. The Health Agent stated at the time of installation if the distribution box is disturbed a new H2O box should be added.

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

The Board reviewed the septic system inspection at 1 Saltmarsh Road performed by Ronald F. Arruda of Fairhaven Honeywagon, Fairhaven, MA. The Health Agent was present at the time of inspection and the inspected failed.

Motion to accept the report was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

The Board reviewed the FDA Tobacco Control inspection results from November 2016 for 5 establishments. Fairhaven Wine & Spirits, 105 Scoticut Neck Road, failed the compliance check for selling tobacco to a minor. This is their first violation. The owners were notified and the next violation could carry a fine of up to \$10,000. The owners received a new tobacco control educational packet and training from the Health Inspector.

The Board received the latest NACCHO Exchange magazine which was entirely devoted to opioid addiction. Discussion ensued.

The Board reviewed and discussed the food establishment inspection log sheets.

The Health Agent presented a proposed regulation for Fairhaven Board of Health Chapter 5, Septic Systems entitled "Third Party As-Built Regulation". All surveys related to Title 5 inspections shall be performed by an independent civil engineer company that is unaffiliated with the company and/or individuals who performed the excavation and/or installation of the septic system that is subject to inspection. Discussion ensued. The Health Agent recommended Town Counsel review it prior to holding a public hearing.

Motion to request Town Counsel review the regulation was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Before the Board was Steve Lisauskas of Waste Zero presenting a curbside textiles recycling program by Simple Recycling. The program will help reduce solid waste and promote recycling. This program does not cost the town any money. Simple Recycling will pay the town \$20 per ton for each ton of material collected. They will have a van in Town from Monday through Thursday each week and follow the recycling schedule. They will provide communication with residents and informational materials will be sent directly to the residents along with two bright pink plastic "starter bags." Replacement bags are left for residents as they use them. They also handle customer service providing residents with a toll free number and access to their website. Simple Recycling would supply a contract form to the Town. The Health Agent will coordinate the contract agreement with Mr. Reese, Town Administrator who will speak with Town Counsel.

Before the Board was Chris Michaud, Dartmouth Health Director and Connie Rocha-Mimoso, Seven Hills Behavioral Health, New Bedford, to discuss the syringe systems program. Also in attendance were Police Chief Myers and 4 detectives, Fire Lt. Correia and Town Administrator Mark Rees. Mr. Michaud discussed how the Town of Dartmouth has been working on substance abuse the past year and outreach programs that have been put into place. He discussed the rise in Hepatitis C in the communities and the adoption of the syringe service program to combat that rise. Ms. Rocha-Mimoso presented to the Board what services her agency offers to the communities. She discussed the syringe services program, Narcan training, sharps disposal, connecting people with treatment services and other basic needs along with HIV, STI and Hepatitis C screenings. There was a lively discussion with all present. Ms. Rocha-Mimoso was asked if a vote of the Board of Health was required to initiate seeking approval from the MaDPH for Fairhaven to participate in the State funded syringe exchange system. She indicated a vote is necessary.

Motion to acknowledge that Hepatitis C and other STI diseases often spread by the use of unsanitary syringes is a matter of public health and that a syringe systems program in Fairhaven would be beneficial to protecting public health was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed invoices.

The next scheduled Board of Health meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Medeiros, Administrative Assistant