

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
May 16, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Peter DeTerra, Jeannine Lopes and Lindsay Gordon. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent and Paula Medeiros, Administrative Assistant.

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 April 19, 2017.

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

Chairman DeTerra asked for a motion to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing for the proposed Amendment to Board of Health Regulation 432-12: Certified Statement by Design Engineer on Title 5 Septic Systems was opened at 6:31 p.m. This public hearing was duly advertised in the local newspaper. Town counsel reviewed the proposed regulation.

The current regulation was adopted in 1989. The proposed regulation is as follows: A certified statement by the design engineer, or other professional authorized to prepare subsurface sewage disposal system plans, who is unaffiliated with the construction disposal works installer, must be received by the Board of Health prior to the issuance of a certificate of compliance. The statement must ensure that the subsurface sewage disposal system has been installed accord to the Board of Health approved plans and must include an as-built drawing prepared by an engineer who is unaffiliated with the construction disposal works installer, showing the final locations and elevations of all system components. This regulation would prevent conflict of interest. Town Counsel did review the proposed regulation.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment as written was made by Ms. Lopes; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:35 p.m. Ms. Lopes motioned to close the Public Hearing and re-open the Regular Meeting; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

1. The Board reviewed a septic system inspection report for 2 Bayside Street performed by Fairhaven Honeywagon, inspector Ronald Arruda on April 20, 2017. 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 2 Bayside Street; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

2. The Board reviewed a septic system inspection report for 28 Charity Stevens Lane performed by Arpin Inspection Service, inspector Ken Arpin on April 20, 2017. The Health Agent was present during the inspection. It had a 1,000 gallon concrete septic tank into an old leaching field with an overflow pipe into a wetland. The system failed.

Motion to accept the septic system inspection was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

3. The Board reviewed a septic system inspection report for 514 Scoticut Neck Road performed by Peter DeTerra on May 15, 2017. The Health Agent was present during the inspection. The inspection passed.

Ms. Gordon motioned to accept the septic system inspection; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous with Mr. DeTerra abstaining from discussion and the vote.

The Health Agent presented to the Board the advertisement for the Health Agent position for review and approval. The job will be advertised in June in the MMA, MHOA and MEHA publications. Discussion ensued. The Board approved the job advertisement with resumes accepted through June 30th.

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

The Health Agent presented a letter submitted to Mr. Hebert at Down the Hatch. This letter was a summary of the meeting that was held at the Town Hall on April 26, 2017, between Town Administrator Mark Rees, Town Counsel Thomas Crotty, Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin and Health Agent. There has been considerable build-up of the property since the tight tank was approved by DEP in 1992. The Health Agent will contact the DEP regarding concurrence with the DEP tight tank policy. There will be no food truck at the location this year.

The Board reviewed the Fairhaven Wind Curtailment Log from 11/15/6 – 04/28/17.

The Health Agent notified the Board that the Animal Control Officer has been separated from services with the Town. In the interim, the Police Department has been responding to all calls. The Health Agent reported the Town would like to appoint a temporary Inspector of Animals, Terence Cripps. Mr. Cripps has worked with the Town of Fairhaven in the past. This would be a temporary position until a full time Animal Control Officer/Inspector of Animals is hired. The Health Agent asked the Board to accept the nomination of Mr. Cripps as the Inspector of Animals.

Ms. Lopes motioned to accept; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Health Agent discussed the Closed Points of Distribution (PODs) program. This program is part of Emergency Preparedness with the MaDPH and CDC. The Health Agent presented a letter drafted to be delivered to the organizations in the Town that would be considered to participate in the POD program. Such organizations would include nursing homes and hospitals. Discussion ensued. These organizations will be invited to attend a meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a representative from the MaDPH to discuss the program. The Health Agent asked the Board for approval to send out the letter to the community partners along with a frequently asked questions sheet inviting them to the meeting. Ms. Lopes motioned to approve; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and signed invoices.

The next Board meeting will be June 13, 2017.

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra motioned to adjourn; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Medeiros, Administrative Assistant