



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
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February 28, 2024

PRESENT: Kevin Gallagher, Justine Frezza, Brian Meneses, David Flaherty

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Chairman Gallagher welcomed everyone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Media Notification

- a. Chairman Gallagher read the media and recording notifications.

4. Minutes of the Meeting

- a. **Motion:** Vice Chair Frezza made the motion to accept the minutes of the meeting February 14, 2024. Member Meneses seconded and motion passed. Chairman Gallagher abstained. The vote passed (2-0-1).

5. Health Agent Report

- a. Health Agent Flaherty reports COVID numbers are at 13.6%, which is slightly down from 13.98%. This is from positive tests in a clinical setting only. COVID Test Kits are now available at the Health Department and the COA.
- b. Medication disposal bags are no longer available in the Health Office at the Town Hall. Agent Flaherty is looking to see if there is a grant available so more can be ordered.
- c. Blood pressure and wellness clinics offered every Wednesday at the COA from 1-3 pm.
- d. Gastrointestinal illness cases, such as the norovirus, have risen in Fairhaven and the South Coast. Be sure to wash hands often, after the restroom, before preparing, serving, and eating meals.
- e. Two Perc tests were witnessed and one Title 5 was witnessed.

- f. There were multiple Chapter II housing issues followed up on.
 - g. Rodent complaints have gone down. Please be vigilant with trash and birdseed on your property. Consult a licensed exterminator for property treatment in conjunction with neighbors if it seems overwhelming.
 - h. Fairhaven home-bound residents qualify for a free home-bound flu vaccine offered by the Greater New Bedford Health Alliance to provide an in-home vaccine. Please call the Health Department for more information. The COVID vaccine is not yet available for home-bound residents.
 - i. Agent Flaherty will be speaking with the Fairhaven Environmental Club at Fairhaven High School. Agent Flaherty will be talking about how the Health Department protects and enhances the environment.
6. **Discuss weekly Board of Health related topics** – Chairman Gallagher and Member Meneses asked when Agent Flaherty would be meeting with the Environmental Club. Agent Flaherty stated Thursday February 29th from 1:30-2:30.
7. **Discuss and Vote on Subdivision Plan for Starboard Drive** – Agent Flaherty notes that as part of a subdivision plan approval the Board of Health must accept or deny the septic plan. Agent Flaherty recommends that the Board accept the plans for Starboard Drive. Chairman Gallagher requested to see one of the plans for the subdivision. Agent Flaherty reviewed the septic plan for the Board. Vice Chair Frezza asked if the plans are all similar and if they are all single family homes. Agent Flaherty affirmed. Chairman Gallagher asked if all areas had a Perc Test done. Agent Flaherty affirmed. Agent Flaherty reviewed the septic system and the process of denitrification. Chairman Gallagher asked if these plans meet all of the applicable standards. Agent Flaherty affirmed. **Motion:** Vice Chair Frezza made a motion to accept the Health Agents recommendation for the subdivision septic plan of Starboard Drive. Member Meneses seconded. The vote is unanimous (3-0-0).
8. **Discuss and Vote on Subdivision Plan for Sconticut Neck Road** – Agent Flaherty reviewed the plans for this subdivision and explained they are designed the same as the plans for Starboard Drive. Chairman Gallagher asked if the same engineering company is doing both subdivisions and that all state and industry standards are being met. Agent Flaherty affirmed. **Motion:** Vice Chair Frezza made a motion to accept the Health Agents recommendation for the subdivision septic plan of Sconticut Neck Road. Member Meneses seconded. The vote is unanimous (3-0-0).
9. **Title 5 Inspection Report Review for 303 Mill Road** – Agent Flaherty witnessed this inspection at the beginning of February. The well report was also included. Agent Flaherty recommends accepting the inspection report. **Motion:** Vice Chair Frezza made

a motion to accept the Health Agents recommendation for the Title 5 Inspection Report for 303 Mill Road. Member Meneses seconded. The vote is unanimous (3-0-0).

10. Public Comment – No public comment at this time.

11. Invoices, Correspondence and other business

a. Invoices reviewed and approved.

12. Next Meeting Date – March 13, 2024

13. Meeting Adjourned – Motion: Vice Chair Frezza motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Meneses seconded. The vote is unanimous (3-0-0).