

MEETING OF THE FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF HEALTH
March 21, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 21, 2011. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Peter DeTerra and Jeannine Lopes. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Mr. DeTerra, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and requested the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2011 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed extension of the sampling variances for the Town's tier III beaches: West Island Town Beach and West Island Causeway Beach. The original testing variances were granted by the Board in 2007 and approved by the State DEP. The original variances expire this year. Granting of the variances allows the beaches to be tested once monthly instead of weekly during the bathing beach season, June through Labor Day, because of excellent water quality as indicated by years of bathing water test results.

Motion to approve a four year extension of the sampling variances for tier III beaches West Island Town Beach and West Island Causeway Beach was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous.

A complaint was received from a supervisor at the BPW regarding an employee smoking a cigarette in the rear of the BPW garage building. At the request of the supervisor an educational session has been set for March 31 at the BPW with the employees and supervisors. A ticketed fine of \$100 may be issued to the offending employee if the complaint can be confirmed. The educational session will be given by Nick Charest, Executive Director of the Greater New Bedford Tobacco Collaborative. Board of Health members will also attend.

A request for information was received from Dana Farms Condominium Association regarding recycling procedures at the SEMASS/Covanta plant in Rochester where Fairhaven's trash is disposed. A contact for SEMASS/Covanta will be provided to the association.

Food establishment inspections were reviewed.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed and signed by the Board.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. Vote was unanimous. The next meeting is Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent