

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
November 18, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Peter DeTerra, Jeannine Lopes and Lindsay Gordon. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

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 October 21, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed a septic system inspection report for 3 Goulart Memorial Drive performed by Andy Gomes of A. Gomes Equipment Company, Acushnet on November 4, 2015, and received in the office on November 18, 2015. The health agent was present during the inspection. The inspection passed. The Board reviewed the report and concurs with the finding.

Ms. Lopes motioned to accept the septic system inspection for 3 Goulart Memorial Drive; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A septic system inspection was performed at 732 Scoticut Neck Road by Fairhaven Honeywagon on November 10, 2015. The health agent was present during the inspection and it failed. The written report has not yet been received in the office.

Ms. Lopes motioned to allow the health agent to approve the submitted report as long as the report is true and accurate to the observed inspection, rather than have the homeowner wait for the next Board meeting; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed the Seaport Inn as-built report on the indoor swimming pool. A permit application is anticipated shortly from the company to allow the use.

The Board received three Planning Board notices two of which do not involve Board of Health action. A request for a Special Permit extension/renewal from Executive Dog, 105 Scoticut Neck Road was reviewed by the Board. The company owner is seeking a renewal of the existing Special Permit for the business of dog daycare. The Board of Health is aware of the business and has had no complaints with the premise or the business since its opening in 2008.

Ms. Lopes motioned to convey to the Planning Board that the Board of Health has no objection to the business owner's request and concurs with the request of not requiring any further renewals; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The health agent received a request from a licensed pest control operator (PCO) asking to change the process the Board uses in its rodent extermination prior to demolition. He requests that the demolition contractor be responsible for the rodent Notification Form fee (\$20) as part of the demolition paperwork and not the PCO. The PCO stated no other community does what Fairhaven does. Discussion ensued. Mr. DeTerra stated he does work in a lot of communities and some do as Fairhaven does. Ms. Gordon stated when anyone has work done on their home the electrician secures the electrical permit, the plumber the plumbing permit, etc. The PCO should be required to secure the permit for the work being done by the PCO.

Ms. Lopes motioned to retain the current process for the rodent extermination notification prior to demolition; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

1. Recycle tonnage for September has increased from 24% in September to 26%.
2. 2016 permitting is on-going in the office for food establishments, tobacco, animal, inn and other annual permits. About 20% of permit holders have come in to renew.
3. The Board reviewed a food establishment and tobacco establishment inspection spreadsheet along with an inspection overview as written by Health Inspector Tom Hemingway. Discussion ensued. The Board found the report to be very interesting and enlightening and would like this reporting to continue on a monthly basis.
4. The Board received the latest packet of information on the Avian Bird Flu with a Q&A section.

Invoices were signed.

The Board will meet next on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. There being no other regular business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra motioned to adjourn; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent