



Town of Fairhaven Board of Health

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March 2, 2022

PRESENT: Peter DeTerra, Kevin Gallagher, David Flaherty ABSENT: Michael Ristuccia
Call to Order

- a. Vice Chair, Peter DeTerra, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll call attendance of the meeting members were taken, Kevin Gallagher was present, Michael Ristuccia was absent.
- 2. Welcome and Media Notification**
 - a. Mr. DeTerra welcomed everyone and read the media and recording notifications and welcomed the public to speak on items.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting:**
 - a. Mr. Gallagher made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 16, 2022. Mr. DeTerra seconded the motion, vote passed.
- 4. Health Agent Report/ COVID-19 Update**
 - a. Mr. Flaherty read his report: As of February 25, 2022: Total Case Count: 4,337. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 1,345. Total cases in the last two weeks: 42. Positivity Rate of 3.79%. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 11,078. Vaccinated Females is 5,982. Fully Vaccinated Males is 5,096. Hospitalizations for COVID for Massachusetts is 394 with 213 fully vaccinated. ICU Admittances is 70 and 40 intubated.
 - b. COVID testing is at the Emergency Management Building 150 Sconticut Neck Rd from 9am -11pm. Date, time and location are subject to change.
 - c. COVID testing in Acushnet is now for residents only.
 - d. Homebound vaccination intake line is 1-833-983-0485
 - e. "At home" test kits are now available online at Covidtest.gov
 - f. Town of Fairhaven will be hosting a Booster Clinic in April. More information to follow.
 - g. The Greater New Bedford Public Health Alliance will be obtaining rapid testing kits for the Town of Fairhaven. The amount of kits will be upwards of 3,000 for distribution. More information to follow.
 - h. The Blood Pressure Clinic has changed to a Wellness Clinic that will be conducting blood pressure screens along with addressing any health and wellness concerns from 1-3PM at the Council on Aging.
 - i. A construction permit was issued for 33 Whisper Lane.

- j. Town of Fairhaven will be hosting a rabies clinic soon in April. More information to follow.
- k. Mr. Flaherty will be attending a MEHA Title 5 Seminar on March 9th and will also be attending a Certified Pool Operator two day course in April.
- l. It is chicken season at Tractor Supply. If you are a resident in town who wants to purchase chickens and you do not have a permit with the Board of Health, please call the Health Office to see if you will have any zoning issues to obtain a permit.

5. Discussion of Preliminary Subdivision Plan of Starboard Drive Estates

- a. David Davignon from Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc was present. Mr. Davignon gave a brief overview of the proposed subdivision. It is a little over 9 acres of land with 5 current cottages. They would like the new properties to be continued to be serviced by a common system with a gravity line that flows into a common tank, in to a high end treatment unit. Upon approval from Planning Department they will come back to the Board of Health with an OM maintenance agreement with a testing schedule and plan for the common system. Meeting with the Board of Health is preliminary to give familiarity of the project.

6. Discussion of Sunscreen Dispensers in Town

- a. Mr. Flaherty had said in years past the Town had sunscreen dispensers throughout the town. Due to COVID they were not up in the last two years. All the sunscreen dispensers are accounted for at the BPW and the poles are still there. All that is needed is the bags of sunscreen and batteries. Mr. DeTerra suggested stickers that have ingredients of the sunscreen listed for allergy purposes. Mr. Gallagher said that is a great public prevention activity. The Board and Health Office will work on obtaining the bags and batteries to get the dispensers up and going for Memorial Day.

7. Public Comment

- a. None

8. Invoices, Correspondence and Other Business

- a. Bill's and permits are to be signed at the end of the meeting.
- b. Mr. Gallagher would like to start talking about Tick and Mosquito preventions at the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date: March 16, 2022 at 5:00pm

- a. Mr. Gallagher made the motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm, Mr. DeTerra seconded the motion, vote passed.