

# Town of Fairhaven Board of Health

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June 8, 2022

PRESENT: Kevin Gallagher, Heidi Hacking, David Flaherty ABSENT: Michael Ristuccia

#### Call to Order

**a.** Chairman Kevin Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll call attendance of the meeting members were taken, Ms.Hacking, Mr.Gallagher were present and Mr.Ristuccia was absent.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Welcome and Media Notification

**a.** Mr. Gallagher welcomed everyone and read the media and recording notifications and welcomed the public to speak on items.

## 4. Minutes of the Meeting:

**a.** Ms. Hacking made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 25, 2022. Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.

#### 5. Health Agent Report

- **a.** Mr.Flaherty gave his report. State wide hospitalizations for COVID: 585, down from 835; ICU Admittances is 53 down from 79, 22 intubated, down from 39.
- **b.** The Community Health Nurse will be offering home bound vaccinations for home bound residents, please call 833-983-0485.
- c. "At Home" test kits are available in the Health Office during business hours. The office just acquired 3,000 more kits.
- **d.** Medication disposal bags are available in the Health Office, Library, COA, Recreation Center and the Fire and Police Department.
- **e.** Sunscreen dispensers are now installed and operative, if there are any issues please contact the Health Department.
- **f.** Go to South Coast Health's website for vaccine clinic information at southcoast.org/covid-19-vaccination
- **g.** Blood pressure/wellness clinics are continuing at the COA on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3pm
- **h.** No Title 5 inspections or perc tests witnessed. Continuing chapter II housing inspections.

- i. There will be a meeting with DEP & Atlas Tack next week and Mr. Flaherty will report back.
- **j.** Marina inspections will be conducted next week with the Harbor Master. Beach water sampling was delayed due to the weather.
- **k.** Town Meeting is June 18, 2022, 9AM at Hastings Middle School. Masks and test kits will be available.

## 6. Community Nurse-Discussion of public health expansion within the community.

a. Christine Gagnon from Community Nurse was present. Community nurse would like to expand their public health services for those who do not have adequate health coverage and for helpful visits in the home. They also discussed giving support with telehealth visits, medication management, chronic disease education, home safety visit's and more. This expansion would require the help from the Town.

### 7. Stipend Use Follow-up

a. Mr. Gallagher said he made a promise he would not take the stipend, and talked about diverting the stipend for Health Department use to a gift fund.
Unfortunately the decision is he will not take the stipend neither with Ms. Hacking.

## 8. Tobacco Suspension Duration- Discussion

**a.** Mr.Flaherty said currently the States Compliance order entails 3 consecutive business days for the first offense, 4 consecutive business days for the second and 7 consecutive business days but not less than 30 days for the third. He recommends we follow the State.

Mr. Gallagher makes a motion after the first violation the permit shall be suspended for 3 consecutive business days, for the second violation the permit shall be suspended for 4 consecutive business days, the third violation the permit will be suspended for 7 consecutive business days, Ms. Hacking agrees with the motion, vote passes.

#### 9. Public Comment

a. No Public Comment

# 10. Invoices, Correspondence & Other Business

**a.** Bills are to be signed at the end of the meeting.

# 11. Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2022 at 5:00pm

**a.** Ms.Hacking made the motion to adjourn at 5:30pm, Mr.Gallagher seconded, vote passed.