



# Town of Fairhaven

## Board of Health

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April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRESENT: Heidi Hacking, Justine Frezza and David Flaherty  
ABSENT: Kevin Gallagher

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Vice Chair Heidi Hacking called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Vice Chair welcomed everyone.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Welcome and Media Notification

- a. Vice Chair Heidi Hacking read the media and recording notifications.

### 4. Minutes of the Meeting:

- a. Vice Chairman Hacking made the motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2023. Member Justine Frezza in agreement and motion accepted. The vote is unanimous with one abstention.

### 5. Health Agent Report

- a. Health Agent Flaherty reports statewide hospitalizations for COVID: 139 which is Greatly down ICU Admittances is 29 with six Intubated cases. The 14-day Positivity rate for Fairhaven is 4.31 %. Case counts for the last two weeks are five Since reporting 2020 Fairhaven has had 5375 cases. Covid Test Kits are available and the public can pick up a kit at the. Board of Health office or Council on Aging.
- b. The Community Health Nurse will be offering homebound vaccinations for Covid & Flu shots for homebound residents, please call 833-983-0485.
- c. Medication disposal bags are available in the Health Office at Town Hall, Library, COA, Fire Department and Police Department.
- d. Go to South Coast Health Care Website for vaccine clinic information at [southcoast.org/covid-19-vaccination](https://southcoast.org/covid-19-vaccination)

- e. Blood Pressure Wellness Clinic held at Council on Aging weekly on Wednesdays Between 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
- f. No Perc tests and three Title 5 System Inspections performed and One Title 5 Inspection was witnessed.
- g. Follow up on various chapter two housing inspections and complaints.
- h. Arbovirus Update Bristol County Mosquito Control has started larvae treatment. they been treating swamps and wetlands for mosquito larvae. Pool testing will begin after Memorial Day and requests for yard treatment will be taken after June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. Ticks will also be out in force. Use Deet or use treatment with Permethrin on shoes and pant legs when out in meadows and woods. Use of treatment on skin with anti-tick chemicals should be at the advice of your pharmacist.
- i. The CDC will be ending the State of Emergency for Covid on May 11, 2023. Additional information will be provided.
- j. Rodent Complaints- Rodent complaints have begun. 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.
- k. Vice Chair Hacking asks Agent Flaherty regarding tick and rodents that there were some PSA announcements that were done the year prior? Agent Flaherty will coordinate with the cable channel to crease PSA announcements regarding Arbovirus and rodent updates. Vice Chair Hacking makes the motion to accept the Health Agent report. All in favor and none opposed.

**6) Discuss and Review 148 Dogwood Street Proposed bonus room over garage** – Agent Flaherty explains an opinion from the town council is needed. Agent Flaherty believed the applicant would reach out to the town counsel. Agent Flaherty explains he will write a letter tomorrow to the Town Administrator. He will ask the town administrator to request the town counsel to review this and then offer an opinion. Agent Flaherty wants to confirm this is done correctly. He apologizes for any disconnect that may have happened. Nancy Santorro of 148 Dogwood Street thanks Mr. Flaherty for his apology. She states she is discouraged due to all of the disconnects. She has tried getting everyone’s attention with no success. She states she will go in front of the Zoning Board on May 2nd. She also states the D.P.W. was going to contact the attorney and they have not done so. She states she has visited the Health Office multiple times and was made aware that nothing has happened. Vice Chair Hacking asks if the zoning board has done anything? Nancy responds the zoning board is waiting for her to return with information. She apologized for her frustrations however by pushing this out another month it will delay another months with other departments. She states she started this last August. She was aware it would take time and be problematic. She states when she built her

house she had a sheet that was checked off by each department/contractor. She feels a list would be helpful in this process. She would like to work together with everyone. Vice Chair Hacking apologizes for the delay and that the Board of Health would do something that they have not done. They will work on getting an answer however; she does not believe this can be done by May 2nd, 2023. Agent Flaherty confirms the checklist Nancy is referring to would be provided by the Building Department and not the Board of Health. Agent Flaherty also explains there is current litigation against the town concerning other properties and additional flow from the wastewater treatment plant. Agent Flaherty explains they must tread lightly due to a risk of a grant that was issued by the State. Nancy states she understands however, she has allowed a grace period however, the ball continues to be dropped. D.P.W. also stated the same thing to her two months ago. Vice Chair Hacking states, it should not be referred to as an in-law apartment. Nancy states it will be a bonus room with no bedrooms but it does have a bathroom. Nancy states it would be tied into the home. Vice Chair Hacking states, the concern is the bathroom and questions if it will have a toilet, sink, and shower. Nancy states she has been working with the town and it has changed multiple times. Nancy states she would like to have all three because most of the island has outside showers. She explains that is why you are not seeing a solid design plan because she has been working with the town. Vice Chair Hacking explains the bathroom would be adding to the flow and the town has to make sure they are not going beyond what the grant requires. Nancy explains this is a continuation of the work she was doing during Covid however, everything slowed down. She states you can drive by and see that everything is sitting there. Nancy thanks the Board and confirms the next meeting date.

**7) Review and Discuss definitive Subdivision Plan Map 30 A Lot 85M and Lot 85N Lincoln Drive & Jason Terrace "A Seaport Homes Development"**- Agent Flaherty states these are two lots that are existing. He states generally a subdivision creates new lots however in this instance it does not. He states it is creating a road that connects Lincoln Drive to Jason Terrace. He states right now there is no connection. He reports right now this is proposed as a subdivision and it is required by Fairhaven by-law that all subdivisions be reviewed and voted on by the Board of Health. Agent Flaherty does not see any problems, and states the engineered plans look good. Agent Flaherty recommends approval of the subdivision. Vice Chair Hacking makes the motion to approve the subdivision plan Map30 A Lot 85M and Lot 85N Lincoln Drive and Jason Terrace. All in agreement and motion passed.

**8) Update on reportable issues or concerns with Wind Turbines-** No comments or concerns at this time. Agent Flaherty requests the agenda to be modified and if there are any report, he will include this in his health agent report. Vice Chair Hacking in agreement.

**9. Public Comment-** No Public Comment at this time.

**10) Invoices, Correspondence & Other Business**

- a. Invoices reviewed and approved.

**11) Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2023 at 5:00pm**

**12) Future Agenda items**

- a. Update on 148 Dogwood Street proposed bonus room over garage