



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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October 25, 2023

PRESENT: Kevin Gallagher, Justine Frezza, Brian Meneses, David Flaherty

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Chairman Gallagher welcomed everyone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Media Notification

- a. Chairman Gallagher read the media and recording notifications.

4. Minutes of the Meeting

- a. **Motion:** Member Frezza made the motion to accept the minutes of the Open Session October 11, 2023. Member Meneses seconded and motion accepted. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).
- b. **Motion:** Member Frezza made the motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session August 2, 2023. Chairman Gallagher seconded and motion accepted. The motion passed (2-0-1). Member Meneses abstained from vote.
- c. **Motion:** Member Frezza made the motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session October 11, 2023. Member Meneses seconded and motion accepted. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

5. **Discuss and vote on the organization of Board members** – Chairman Gallagher reviewed that it was brought to the attention of the Board of Health that all positions within the board need to be voted on and not only the vacant position. **Motion:** Member Frezza made the motion to retain Kevin Gallagher as the Chair for the remainder of the term. Member Meneses seconded and motion accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, Justine Frezza in favor, Brian Meneses in favor, Kevin Gallagher in favor (3-0-0). **Motion:** Chairman Gallagher made the motion to nominate Justine Frezza as Vice Chair. Member Meneses seconded and motion accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, Justine Frezza in favor, Brian Meneses in favor, Kevin Gallagher in favor (3-0-0). **Motion:** Vice Chair Frezza made the motion to nominate Brian Meneses as Clerk. Chairman Gallagher seconded

and motion accepted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, Justin Frezza in favor, Brian Meneses in favor, Kevin Gallagher in favor (3-0-0).

6. Health Agent Report

- a. Health Agent Flaherty reports COVID positivity rate is at 13.91% down from 14.79%. The Board of Health has free test kits. The test kits are available at Town Hall and the Council on Aging.
- b. Medication disposal bags are available in the Health Office at the Town Hall, Library, COA, Rec Center, Fire Department and Police Department.
- c. Blood pressure and wellness clinics offered every Wednesday at the COA from 1-3 pm.
- d. No Perc tests were witnessed and no Title 5 were witnessed.
- e. There are multiple Chapter II housing issues followed up on.
- f. Arbovirus update – The state has ended testing mosquito pools due to the time of year. However, they will continue to update if there are any new human cases. Another human case of WNV has been identified in the state, but not in this area. No humans have tested positive for EEE. Right now, Fairhaven is considered low risk for EEE and moderate for WNV. Ticks are out in force. Deet should be used and treatment with permethrin should be used 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 the pharmacist. Please check the Fairhaven Health Department website for an updated PSA.
- g. Rodent complaints have leveled off. 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.
- h. Fairhaven residents qualify for a free home-bound flu vaccine offered by the Greater New Bedford Health Alliance to provide an in-home vaccine. Please call the Health Department for more information. The COVID vaccine is not yet available for home-bound residents. The Health Department is preparing to have a flu vaccine clinic hopefully in November.
- i. Hazardous material collection date is October 28, 2023 from 8am-12pm at the BPW. Please see the Board of Health or the BPW webpage for a list of acceptable items.

- 7. Update on Unsheltered Migrant Visitors in Fairhaven** – Agent Flaherty noted this is a fluid situation. So far there have not been any complaints. It has been an all hands on deck from multiple town departments as well as faith based and non-government organizations. There are a lot of volunteers helping to sort out the supplies, which has been a great help. Agent Flaherty noted at his visit there today the National Guard was stationed there to help. There are 22 rooms allotted and at last count 55 individuals there. The school went this week to ensure all individuals of school age are registered. Vice Chair Frezza reviewed that two weeks ago when this started only one family had arrived and since then more have arrived. Agent Flaherty affirmed, but did not know exactly by family other than 55 individuals and 22 rooms are occupied. Chairman Gallagher thanked Agent Flaherty for his presence at the Seaport Inn and representing the Board of Health.
- 8. Discuss weekly Board of Health related topics** – Vice Chair Frezza asked for status on the QR code for the Fairhaven Community Outreach. Agent Flaherty noted there are fliers and magnets with this QR code that will be distributed to businesses in town to post. The Police Department will be bringing some to the Health Department soon for distribution. Vice Chair Frezza also asked that as we are approaching the winter months that there be information about shelters. Agent Flaherty noted there is already information regarding this on the website. Chairman Gallagher asked about the possible flu clinic. Agent Flaherty explained the Greater New Bedford Health Alliance nurse will be providing the vaccines. Agent Flaherty is just waiting on a date.
- 9. Discuss Chapter II hearing 236 Adams** – Agent Flaherty noted that the contractor has pulled a building permit. The work should be starting in the next few weeks. Agent Flaherty expressed to the contractor the need to get this started before the winter months arrive. Chairman Gallagher noted this has been ongoing for some time and there really needs to be a start date. Agent Flaherty agreed and stated the contractor understands.
- 10. Discuss and Vote on New Fee Schedule** – (Attachment A) Chairman Gallagher noted this has been continuing for a few meetings in order that the Public Notice be met. Agent Flaherty explained that the Public Notice must be for two consecutive weeks, which has now been met. **Motion:** Vice Chair Frezza made a motion to accept the New Fee Schedule with an effective date of October 26, 2023. Member Meneses seconded and motion accepted. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote, Justine Frezza in favor, Brian Meneses in favor, Kevin Gallagher in favor (3-0-0).
- 11. Public Comment** – No public comment at this time.
- 12. Invoices, Correspondence and other business**

 - a. Invoices reviewed and approved.
- 13. Next Meeting Date** – November 8, 2023 at 5pm.

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Adjourn – Motion: Vice Chair Frezza made a motion to adjourn. Member Meneses seconded and motion accepted. The vote passed unanimously (3-0-0).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Board of Health Chapter VIII Fee Schedule (October 2023)



Fairhaven
Massachusetts

Board of Health

CHAPTER VIII FEE SCHEDULE
(October 2023)

ANIMALS

New or Amended Permits (Must notify abutters)	\$25.00
Renewal	\$10.00

Cabins, Hotels, B & Bs, Inns, & Motels

1 - 5 rooms	\$50.00
>5 rooms	\$100.00

Camps / Recreational

New or Renewal	\$100.00
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Garbage & OFFAL Transport

New or Renewal	\$250.00 / COMPANY
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Demolition

Demolition Permit	\$20.00
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Food Establishment

Seasonal (6 - 8 Months)	\$100.00
<20 seats	\$150.00
21 - 50 seats	\$250.00
51 - 200 seats	\$325.00
>200 seats	\$450.00
Service- Plan Review	\$50.00
Mobile- Seasonal (<6 Months)	\$100.00
Mobile- Annual	\$150.00
Mobile- Plan Review	\$50.00
Catering	\$100.00
Bakery	\$100.00
Bakery- Plan Review	\$50.00
Temporary (<5 Days, 1 Event)	\$50.00
Residential Kitchen	\$100.00
Retail <50 SF	\$50.00
Retail 51 - 1,500 SF	\$125.00
Retail 1,501 to 3,999 SF	\$250.00
Retail >4,000 SF	\$400.00
Retail- Plan Review	\$50.00
Frozen Dessert	\$50.00

Farmers Market (6 Months)	\$25.00
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Funeral Director

New or Renewal	\$100.00 / Director
Burial Permit	\$0.00

Housing Inspection

New or Renewal	\$100.00
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Marina

New or Renewal	\$50.00
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Swimming Pool

Private- New	\$50.00
Semi-Public – ANNUAL Permit	\$150.00
Semi- Public Plan Review	\$150.00 Per Review

Septic

Perc Test –New Construction (2 Test Pits and 2 Observation pits , up to 3 hours on site)	\$250.00
Perc Test Repair (1 Test Pit, 1 Observation Pit)	\$100.00
Fee per hour after first 3 hours	\$75.00
Installers Permit	\$125.00
Installer Permit Application and Test	\$150.00
Septic Plan Review – REVISION	\$50.00 Per Submittal
Septic Variance Request (Notify Abutters)	\$50.00 Per Variance Requested
Sewage Disposal Construction Permit NEW CONSTRUCTION Includes Plan Review	\$300.00
Sewage Disposal Construction Permit REPAIR Includes Plan Review	\$200.00
Single Component	\$100.00
Septic System Inspection-Form, On-site	\$75.00
Septic Abandonment	\$10.00

Body Art

Establishment	\$200.00
Practitioner	\$150.00
Apprentice (includes temporary Practitioner)	\$100.00

Board Letters

Confirmation / Explanation	\$50.00
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Tobacco Sales Permit

New or Renewal	\$250.00
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Well Permit

Potable & Irrigation	\$100.00
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Tanning Salon

Annual	\$100.00
Plan Review	\$50.00

BOH Fees 1/27/2016
Farmers Market -5/29/18
Semi- Public Swimming Pool- 7/26/18

Mattress Removed 10/13/21 BOH Fees 10/25/2023
Septic Abandonment 10/13/2021
Animal Renewal Fee 10/13/21