



**Town of Fairhaven
Board of Health**

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PRESENT: Peter Deterra, Geoffrey Haworth, Michael Ristuccia, Sarah Dupont
Mark Rees (Zoom), Robert Espindola (Zoom), Todd Correia, and Allison Olson (Zoom)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Peter Deterra call the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll Call Attendance of the Meeting : members was taken. Geoffrey Haworth and Michael Ristuccia were all in attendance.

2. Welcome and Media Notification

Chairman Deterra welcomed everyone and read the media and recording notifications and Welcome the Public to speak on item.

3. Minutes of the Meetings:

- A. Open Session – October 26, 2020
- B. Open Session – October 29, 2020

Mr. Haworth made the motion to accept the Minutes of October 26, 2020 Meeting.

Mr. Ristuccia Secoded it. Vote Unanimous.

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4. Health Agent Report/COVID-19 Update:

Sarah reported as of November 11, 2020 there were 81 active and 436 cases for the year. We are in the yellow for the second week in a row. The new orders came down that we must wear our mask at all times. Stay home order is from 10 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. There will be no alcohol served after 9:30 P.M., you can still get take out. The virtual meetings will still take place and we need to wear our mask at all times during the meeting, unless someone informs us that they can't make out what we are saying or could not hear us thru the mask, then we can remove it for that period of time.

Mr. Correia from the Fairhaven Fire Department reported on the first testing of COVID-19 site went well had about 30 showed up. He mentions that there will be another on Saturday, 21, 2020 from 9-12 P.M. at the Rec Center. All residents will need to show an I.D. of sort. The results will be online in 24 to 48 hrs.

Mr. Deterra thanked the Fire Department for all their help getting this set up and ready to go within a timely manner of receiving the grant.

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5. Discuss Permit Renewal Fees

Mr. Haworth shared his thoughts on how the Fairhaven restaurants have been thru during this pandemic and would to waive all Food Permit Renewals fees. Mr. Haworth asked Mr. Rees to join this meeting to let him know of their intent to waive all fees for next year knowing that the Fees affect the General Fund . Mr. Rees Will check with council and mentions he as a Town Administrative could support this. Mr. Haworth made a motion that The Board Of Health to waive all Food, Eat-in Restaurant, Catering, and Frozen Desserts Permit fees subject to Town Council. Mr Ristuccia Seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Rees thanked all that were involve with gathering all the information and all coming together as a team to help get this grant for the testing. Mr. Haworth shared that he is very disappointed that The Voke school are continuing with the CO-OP program. They should be concerned with the safety of our kids. Mr. Deterra mention as the Board they could send a letter to Voke, asking for some clarity of co-op guidelines. Mr. Haworth would like to pursue this matter further. Old Colony pulled their students from all co-op programs until further notice.

6. Opening Meeting Law Complaints:

- A. Open Meeting law complaint dated October 26, 2020 by Amy Singelais, regarding Meeting held on September 28, 2020.
- B. Open meeting law complaint dated October 26, 2020 by Amy Singelais regarding Meeting held on September 28, 2020.

Chairman shared a letter from Town Council basically repeating what we have sent out in the past.

The Chairman made a motion to send letters to both Amy Singelais and the State for the September 28 th meeting Part A. Mr. Haworth Seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Haworth made a motion to send letters to both Amy Singelais and the State for the September 28th meeting Part B. Mr. Ristuccia Seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

7. Septic Installer Permit

A. Antone Medeiros of A. Medeiros Contractor, Inc.

Mr. Ristuccia made the motion to accept the Installer Permit. Mr. Haworth Seconded it.

Mr. Deterra abstained. Vote 2-1 Abstain.

8. Animal Permit Renewal:

A. 10 Charity Stevens Lane

The Chairman questioned the homeowner on what's going on, no permit, more animals added than what was on the permit last year. If there is enough land, storage bins and shelter for all those animals. Ms. Olson responded that she must of forgotten to get a new updated permit. She said she has plenty of land, storage and shelter for all the current animals. Mr. Deterra made a suggestion that the Animal Control Officer head over and make a report of what animals, shelters, storage and size of land and come back to the Board of Health after he has inspected the property. Mr. Deterra said it should be set for the next meeting and would like her to come back and discuss this further. Mr. Haworth made the motion to table this and request the ACO could inspect and make a complete report. Mr. Ristuccia Seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

9. Title V Inspection

A. 6 Windward Way

Sarah reported that 6 Winward Way Passed the Title V inspection. Mr. Haworth made the motion to accept 6 Winward Way Title V Inspection. Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

10. Discuss Contract.

A. Relevant Software

Mr. Haworth shared with the Board that he had spoken with the Company and that We had passed the time of frame to cancel the contract. The Representative shared that because the lack of communication between the two parties involved and would put this on hold till the end January. He also shared that he would come in and show how this software was used and how it should be used correctly.

Mr. Haworth made the motion put this item on hold and to revisit in January. Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

11. Discuss Board of Health Positions

A. Health Agent

B. Health Inspector

Ms. Dupont let the Board know that there were 4 applicants for the position of Health Inspector and she along with Mr. Haworth would be interviewing and narrowing it down and have a candidate for the next meeting.

Mr. Haworth shared his thoughts about hiring a Health Inspector, that we need to expand the committee to the outside. He suggested that we look outside the box to pick people beside just Fairhaven. It is very important that we get a well rounded committee and we should starting advertising immediately. Mr. Espindola shared his concern about how they were going to form a committee. Mr. Haworth explained that they are going to form a 3 member committee:

One Board member, the other two will be picked by the other board members. Mr. Ristuccia would like to sit on the committee. Mr. Deterra made a motion to pick Dr. Barbara Ackerson to sit on the committee. Mr. Haworth seconded it. Vote Unanimous. Mr. Haworth made the motion to have Health Agent Joe Correia from Acushnet to sit on the committee. Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

12. Invoices/Other Business.

- A. Any other Town Business not reasonable anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting. No Business was brought up

13. Discuss Scheduling of Future Meetings.

The Board Discussed how they feel about Monday as the day. Mr. Haworth would like to find a better day for meetings, possible Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Deterra also likes Thursday. Mr. Ristuccia would like to see a monthly schedule. Mr. Deterra took their request and will come up with a better day as it is the Chairman's Job to set the date of the Meeting.

14. Next Meeting Date

TBD

- 15. Mr. Ristuccia made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Haworth seconded it. Vote Unanimous. Meeting Adjourn at 5:01 P.M.**

Respectively Submitted:
Lisa M. Rose,
Recording Secretary