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December 22, 2020

PRESENT: Peter Deterra, Geoffrey Haworth, Michael Ristuccia, Sarah Dupont, Jocelyn Bowers (Zoom)

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Peter Deterra called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll call attendance of the meeting members were taken, Michael Ristuccia and Geoffrey Haworth were all in attendance.

2. Welcome and Media Notification

- a. Mr. Deterra welcomed everyone and read the media and recording notifications and Welcome the public to speak on items.

3. Minutes of the Meetings:

- a. Open Session – December 2, 2020
Mr. Haworth made the motion to accept the minutes of December 2, 2020 Meeting.
Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

4. Health Agent Report of the Covid-19 Update

- a. Sarah Dupont said as of December 15th, 2020, we have 173 Cases in Fairhaven and 784 year to date and are considered red. Percentage positivity rate is at 7.27%. COVID Testing for Fairhaven residents will not be held this weekend on December 26, 2020, it will be moved to December 28, 2020 (Monday) from 9am-12pm at the Recreation Center. January 2, 2020 testing has also been moved to January 4, 2020 (Monday). The change was made due to the holidays and it would allow residents to be tested within the 3-5 day range after any exposure. Any questions about testing, Sarah said to reach out to the fire department or to reach the Board of Health.
- b. Since the last meeting critical infrastructure workers are getting the same distinction as healthcare workers as well as first responders. If they have a work COVID-19 exposure they can continue to work as long as they have proper PPE and trying their best to social distance from their peers. All information was forwarded to Public Works.
- c. At 1pm Gov. Baker announced some new changes that become affective Saturday December 26, 2020 at 12:01am though January 10, 2021. New capacity restrictions were announced and they are available to view on Fairhaven.gov. Depending of the data on January 10th there is a potential of an extension on the restrictions.
- d. Mr. Deterra asked about the new Health Inspector as well as the new Administrative Assistant. Sarah said they are both doing great in the office.

5. Mr. Haworth addresses COVID

- a. Mr. Haworth says at the last meeting he brought up the idea of HEPA Filters for some larger businesses as well as for assisted living. He has reached out to the businesses and spoke with them and has received mixed information. Some business have been proactive and have installed the filters and others are working on it. Alden Court has a full HEPA system as well as individual air scrubbers thought out the facility. Other business will be getting back to Mr. Haworth to find ways to improve their systems. Mr. Haworth also mentioned for residents to not hesitate about any questions or concerns regarding COVID.

6. Animal Permit Renewal: 10 Charity Stevens lane.

- a. The Olson's are requesting a permit for 2, horses, 1 donkey, 5 sheep, 2 alpaca, 20 chickens, 2 goats and 1 peacock. They were not present at the meeting. Mr. Deterra visited and spoke with the neighbors who opposed to writing a letter attending the meeting. The main concerns are rodents as well as the noise from the Donkey. Mr. Haworth agreed that after speaking with neighbors that the donkey should be relocated.

Mr. Haworth made the motion for the approval of the permit for 10 Charity Stevens lane with the exception of the donkey which must be removed as well as having a rodent control plan. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

7. Title V Inspection

- a. 126 New Boston Rd, passed after DBox was replaced.
Mr. Haworth made the motion on 126 New Boston Rd. Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the Title V, Mr. Ristuccia Seconded the motion.
Passed with 2 and 1 abstain.

8. 6 Wilbur's Point Drive

- a. Title 5 passed. Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the Title V for 6 Wilbur's Point Dr. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

9. 249 Huttleston Avenue

- a. Failed title 5. Very old system requires a full replacement or a possible tie in to town sewer, would need to go to Town Meeting to further discuss. Mr. Haworth made the motion to deny 249 Huttleston Avenue Title V Inspection. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

10. Tight Tank Approval West Island Beach

- a. Public works is looking to install a system to connect the bathrooms at West Island Beach Bathroom trailer. Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the tight tank for the West Island Beach and to also waive the fees. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous

11. Understanding for the Fairhaven Housing Authority to be a closed emergency dispensing site.

- a. Sarah has been in contact with the Housing Authority and they have expressed in serving as a closed emergency dispensing site if the occasion arose to have an emergency dispensing site. It would be only dispensed to who is in the housing authority. A memorandum of understanding is outlined with the facility's responsibilities as well as the board of health's responsibilities. Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the memorandum of understanding for the closed dispensing site for the housing authority. Mr. Rustuccia seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Haworth made the motion that the date is effective immediately. Mr. Rustuccia seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous

12. Relevant Systems Contract

- a. Mr. Haworth believes that it would be a great system. He is asking the board to entertain a demonstration to see exactly what it has to offer and would like to make a decision in January. The company would be willing to help with funding and will discuss it further with Mr. Haworth. Would like Mr. Hemmingway to a part of it. Sarah will reach out relevant for an online demonstration.

13. Health Agent Position.

- a. Mr. Rustuccia said there has been a total of 3 applications that have come in. Interviews will be set after the holidays, but is suggesting to relist the position to broaden the field. Mr. Haworth agreed to extend and also requested to advertise the position.

14. BOH Property

- a. Mr. Haworth said the iPad will be returned shortly

15. Next Meeting Date

- a. TBD

Mr. Haworth made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.