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Board of Health

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January 13, 2021

PRESENT: Peter Deterra, Geoffrey Haworth, Michael Ristuccia, Sarah Dupont, Thomas Hemmingway
Jocelyn Bowers.

Chris & Ali Olson, Christopher Richard, and Michael Hicks (Via 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 22, 2020
Mr. Haworth made the motion to accept the minutes of December 22, 2020 Meeting.
Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

4. Health Agent Report of the Covid-19 Update

- a. Ms. Dupont said as of January 5th 2021, the case count is 201. Since the start of the pandemic is 1,129. Fairhaven is in the red and positivity rate is at 9.89%.
- b. Gave an overview on when people should be going to school/work and when they should not be.
- c. Guidance on Massachusetts Travel order
- d. Reduced Capacity limitation is still in effect until January 24 at Noon.
- e. Gave guidance on vaccination. Prioritization list is located on Fairhaven Board of Health Website to help guide the public on where they stand in the phases. Noted that the vaccine will not change the current precautions in place.
- f. First Responder clinics; New Bedford is vaccinating our First responders.
- g. Mr. Haworth mentioned that depending on what agency you work in you will get notifications about the vaccine. Mr. Haworth also noted that the Town Hall is starting to receive their HEPA Filters and still urging that business get them and use them.
- h. Mr. Haworth also noted that something that should be implemented is posting temporary occupant capacity.
Mr. Haworth made a motion to have all businesses with a food permit to have their current capacity posted by Monday January 18th, 2021. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

5. Relevant Software Demonstration

- a. Michael Hicks gave a demonstration on their software that will assist in helping with health inspections.
Mr. Haworth said he will follow up with Mr. Hicks soon and to have more of a discussion at the next meeting.

6. Animal Permit Appeal

- a. The Olson's made their appeal for their donkey. The Olson's also have additional livestock that need to be permitted for.
Mr. Haworth made a motion to deny the donkey, Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

7. Fee Schedule Discussion

- a. Ms. Dupont brought to the board's attention that the fee schedule prior to this year the fee of \$5 was being charged even though the fee schedule approved in 2016 was listed as \$25. Residents are upset about the \$20 increase from \$5.
Mr. Haworth said the fee schedule would be looked at and revised before the 2022 permitting season.
Mr. Haworth made a motion to anyone who paid the \$25 for the animal permit renewal this year that next year they will not be charged a fee and going forward we will adopt a new fee schedule. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

8. Title V

- a. Failed title 5
Mr. Haworth made a motion to accept failure of inspection. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.

9. Subdivision Plan Approval

- a. Mr. Haworth made a motion that the property is found suitable. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion
Vote was unanimous.

10. 2021 Food Permit Huttleston Marketplace

- a. Mr. Christopher Richard stated that he is looking for clarification for Huttleston Marketplace to have hot prepared foods served.
Ms. Dupont suggested that more guidance and due diligence needs to be done and discussed on the next meeting.

11. Discuss board of Health Positions

- a. Mr. Ristuccia stated that out of the 9 applicants there were many that did not meet the qualifications and there is one he believes is highly qualified for the position. Mr. Deterra suggested to take the top 3 and schedule interviews.

12. Board of Health Property

- a. The iPad has been returned. Mr. Haworth is requesting that there is a log for all purchased BOH property, including policy and procedure for asset management.

13. Invoices and other Business

- a. No discussion.

14. Next Meeting Date:

- a. TBD

Mr. Haworth made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.