



# Town of Fairhaven

## Board of Health

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February 17, 2021

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

### 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 – February 3, 2021  
Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the minutes upon the amended corrections spoken of. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.  
Vote was unanimous

### 4. Health Agent Report of the Covid-19 Update

- a. As of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 the total case count since January 1, 2020 is 1658. The Total case count in the last 14 days (since 2/9/21) is 133. The positivity rate is at 5.8%.
- b. Testing at the Recreation Center is this Saturday 10am- 12 noon.
- c. As of February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 AM the capacity limit of 25% was lifted and is now at 40%. Events are at 10 Indoor and 25 Outdoors.
- d. Dartmouth Circuit City is now a state run vaccination site and appointment can be made online beginning February 18, 2021. Dartmouth Circuit City will begin vaccinating February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- e. Caregiver Eligibility Rules: Effective February 11, 2021, an individual who accompanies a person age 75 or older to one of four mass vaccination site to receive the vaccine will be eligible to receive the vaccine too, if they have an appointment booked on the same day. Residents, please do not take offers from strangers for rides to get a vaccine.
- f. New announcement from the State today stating the next phase is opening tomorrow February 18, 2021 with 65+ Persons, anyone with 2+ Comorbidities (Listed Below), Residents/staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing.
  1. Cancer
  2. Chronic Kidney Disease
  3. COPD( Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
  4. Down Syndrome
  5. Heart Conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies

6. Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
  7. Obesity (Body mass index {BMI} of 30kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher but <40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  8. Severe Obesity
  9. Pregnancy
  10. Sickle Cell Disease
  11. Smoking
  12. Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
  13. Asthma Moderate to Severe
- g. Announced by the state on February 17, 2021, they are shifting to mega sites for vaccine distribution. March 1<sup>st</sup> municipalities will not be sent 1<sup>st</sup> dose vaccine. The Board of Health will still look into getting a vaccine clinic in town.
- h. All seniors who are having any difficulty signing up for a vaccine may call the Council on Aging for help 508-979-4029.

**5. Animal Permit**

- a. New Permit Application, 64 Hathaway Street for 6 Hens.  
Mr. DeTerra suggested that in the future that notifying abutters of a neighbor obtaining any animals may be a good idea.  
Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve 6 hens with no rooster for 64 Hathaway St. Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote was unanimous.

**6. Open Meeting Law Complaint**

- a. Mr. Haworth read the response from Mr. Crotty.  
Ann Richard (via zoom) presented questions to the Chairman. Discussion ensued amongst all present.  
Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the letter by Tom Crotty. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**7. Hiring of Board of Health Position**

- a. The members of the Board discussed each applicant.  
Mr. Haworth made the motion to hire Mr. David Flaherty for the position of Health Agent with pay step of 17-2 and his final contract will be voted on at the next meeting.  
Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**8. Invoices and other Business**

- a. None

**9. Next Meeting Date: March 3, 2021**

Mr. Haworth made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Ristuccia seconded it. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.