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Board of Health

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March 17, 2021

PRESENT: Peter Deterra, Geoffrey Haworth, Michael Ristuccia, David Flaherty, 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 of March 3, 2021.
Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous

4. Health Agent Report of the Covid-19 Update

- a. As of March 9, 2021 the total case count for Fairhaven since January 1, 2020 is 1766. The total case count for the last 14 days is 34. The positivity rate for this period is 1.99%, slightly higher than the state's 1.86%.
- b. Total number of deaths due to COVID 19 since 1/2021 is about 38.
- c. The total number of tests for the last 2 weeks is 1956 with 39 being positive.
- d. Testing at the recreation center is on Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00 Noon.
- e. Pre-registration for all persons over 16 years old is now available at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/preregister-for-a-covid-19-vaccine-appointment>
- f. Educators may be vaccinated at the state run vaccination sites 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, and 4/11
- g. March 22nd residents 60+ and certain workers become eligible for a vaccine.
- h. April 5th residents 55+ and residents with one certain medical condition become eligible for a vaccine.
- i. April 19th general public ages 16 and older become eligible for a vaccine.
- j. The state has lifted capacity limits for restaurants; full capacity is allowed so long as there is 6ft between tables and social distancing is maintained. Events are still limited to 10 for indoor and 25 for outdoor.
- k. All seniors who are having difficulty signing up for a vaccine may call Council on Aging for assistance at 508-979-4029.
- l. Perc tests witnessed: 2, System Installation Inspections: 2, Chapter II Inspections: 1, also attended a Tobacco Compliance Zoom Meeting, LBOH and COVID 19 state zoom meetings.

- m. Ann Silvia from Council on Aging emailed an update stating Stop and Shop gave 56 vaccinations today (Wed. March 17th) and will be back April 14th to do the second vaccinations. They had extra so a second clinic for 30 people could be held sometime next week. That group will also get their second one here in April. We are very fortunate to have Stop and Shop in our corner.
- n. Mr. Haworth Stated the 90 minute time limit is still in place for restaurants, 6ft separation as well as dividers still should stay in place. He also asked Mr. Flaherty as to “Where do we stand with the state?” Mr. Flaherty responded that the state is still running the mass sites unless we could meet the parameter which is an upwards of over 700 per day, and that not providing to local Boards of Health is still unfortunate. Mr. Ristuccia emphasized how important it is to keep your vaccination card. Mr. Haworth agreed and mentioned that Staples is offering to laminate fully vaccinated persons cards for free at the moment.

5. Title 5 – Starboard Dr.

- a. Mr. Deterra gave an over view of Starboard drive. It is 5 houses on one community system, advanced treatment, they put a conditional pass because for the last 3 years it has not been monitored, suggested to ask to bring the monitoring up date, and check the testing and then bring it back to the board to give them a pass. Mr. Flaherty agreed stating that giving 30 days would be adequate time to find someone to sample and submit a report to consider it a passing report. Mr. Flaherty also would like to make it conditional that they sign an Operation Maintenance (OM) contract with someone to maintain testing annually.

Mr. Deterra made a motion that they do a conditional pass, OM, do testing and bring it back to the board, do the testing in 30 days. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Ann Richard via Zoom asked Mr. Deterra if he would be doing the inspection. Mr. Deterra responded, he is not a part of it at all, an engineering company sent it in. Stated it was a job from the previous administration to make sure they were up to speed with testing.

6. Animal Permit Amendment – 5 Shady Drive

- a. Mr. Haworth made the motion to approve the amendment for 2 Horses and 2 Sheep for 5 Shady Drive. Mr. Ristuccia seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

7. Subdivision – DS 21-02 Hermeneau Fredrick Avenue Subdivision

- a. Mr. Deterra identified it is a single lot on property at the bottom of Fredrick Ave. Board of Health determines if it is suitable for habitat and it is, it will also have town water and sewer.

Mr. Ristuccia made the motion to approve the Subdivision 21-02 Hermeneau Fredrick Avenue subdivision for habitable use. Mr. Haworth seconded the motion, Vote was unanimous.

8. Invoices and other Business

- a. None

9. Next Meeting Date: March 31, 2021

Mr. Ristuccia made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Haworth seconded it. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.