



Town of Fairhaven

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FAIRHAVEN,
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May 26, 2021

PRESENT: Peter DeTerra, Michael Ristuccia, Kevin Gallagher, David Flaherty

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome and Media Notification

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

3. Minutes of the Meeting:

- a. Open Session May 12, 2021
Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the minutes of the open session on May 12, 2021. Mr. Gallagher seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

4. Health Agent Report/ COVID-19 Update

- a. Mr. Flaherty gave his Health Agent Report: Total Case Count: 2,021. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 1,557. Total cases in the last two weeks: 34. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 7,357. Vaccinated Females is 4,229 at 57%. Fully Vaccinated Males is 3,128 at 42%.
- b. Fairhaven is alternating COVID Testing with Acushnet. Upcoming test dates in FAIRHAVEN for COVID testing is: June 5th 10am -12 noon at the Recreation Center, and June 19th at the Emergency Management Building 10am -12 Noon. Upcoming test dates in ACUSHNET for COVID testing is: May 29th, June 12th, and June 26th from 9am-12 Noon with testing every Friday from 10am-1pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging until further notice.
- c. Effective May 29, 2021, all remaining COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase for 100% for all industries. The gathering limit is also rescinded. In line with updated CDC face covering guidance, Massachusetts will rescind the facing covering order and issue a new face covering advisory. Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue to social distance in most settings. The advisory will also recommend fully vaccinated individuals to no longer need to wear a face covering or social distance indoors or outdoors except for certain situations.
- d. Mr. Flaherty also stated he witnessed 1 perc test, no system installations, followed up on 5 complaints, inspected 7 Marinas with the Harbor Master Tim Cox, and attended various

online meetings. Mr. Flaherty was also elected to be a member of the MEHA (Massachusetts Environmental Health Association) Board.

- e. The Public Nursing grant did not materialize, but reassured that we have CARES funds that will help in the coming year.
- f. The Opioid Task Force in Town created a QR code for those who need or know of someone who needs help with addiction. Many businesses in town have been notified to place this QR code decal in their business windows.
- g. Massachusetts is also keeping in place the allowance of meeting members to participate in the meeting remotely until September 1st.

5. Quin's Mo Cha

- a. Mr. Flaherty gave an overview of the new establishment titled Quin's Mo Cha, which will reside at the old Subway. It is bubble tea as well as light foods. They do not have a very large menu. The application is complete with stamped architectural plans and recommends the establishment for a food service permit.

Mr. DeTerra made a motion to approve the new establishment, Quin's Mo Cha, Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, and vote passed unanimously.

6. Allowance of the public

- a. Mr. Gallagher is anxious to see the public back into the building and the public should have access with face covering and social distancing. Believes that also using zoom and allowing persons in the building is also great. Mr. DeTerra feels that the virus is still around and everything is moving too quickly and we are not out of the woods just yet. He would like to see only those on the Agenda allowed into the meeting room. Mr. Ristuccia agreed.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion that effective at the next meeting that individuals on the agenda to be invited into the meeting or on zoom and to designate a limited amount for members of the press. Mr. DeTerra seconded, and vote passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment

- a. Ms. Richard, via zoom received clarification on the allowance of public into the meeting.

8. Invoices and Other business

- a. None.

9. Next meeting Date: June 9, 2021

- a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM, Mr. Gallagher seconded, vote was unanimous.