



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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June 9, 2021

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Michael Ristuccia called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. 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 26, 2021
Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the minutes of the open session on May 26, 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: 2,029. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 788. Total cases in the last two weeks: 9. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 7,955. Vaccinated Females is 4,504 at 56%. Fully Vaccinated Males is 3,451 at 43%.
- b. Fairhaven is alternating COVID Testing with Acushnet. Upcoming test dates in FAIRHAVEN 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. Mr. Flaherty did not witness any perc tests, witnessed 1 system inspection, followed up on 4 complaints, conducted two public pool inspections, inspected food vendors at Huttleston Marketplace, Updated beach signage to reflect beach season beginning June 22, 2021, attended various online meetings, and reminded everyone that it is now mosquito and tick season and further information on it can be found on the Board of Health website.
- d. Mr. Flaherty also stated that the Public Health Nursing Grant fell through but will be reapplying.
- e. The beach water testing will begin next week. Every Tuesday the waters in town will be tested using a large pole and sterilized bottles. The samples will be then brought to a New Bedford facility to be processed. The waters are tested to check for E.coli and chloroform bacteria and any other harmful substances in the water.

- f. A discussion of allowing on site prepared food at event in town ensued amongst the Board Members and the Health Agent. It was discussed that it would be a possibility and it would be placed on the next agenda.
- 5. 269 Mill Rd- Plan Review**
 - a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the septic design plans for 269 Mill Rd, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.
- 6. Challenger Sports- Soccer Camp**
 - a. Mr. Flaherty met with the Director of the camp, all the paperwork was provided as well as policies and traffic plans, also mentioned they have had camps in Town in previous years.
Mr.DeTerra made the motion to approve the permit for Challenger Sports, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.
- 7. Public Health Nurse- Upcoming Contract**
 - a. Attendees at the meeting included Lisa Parent, CEO of Community Nurse Home Care as well as Christine Gagnon, Private Care Manager of Community Nurse Home Care to discuss with the Health Department the upcoming contract set to expire at the end of June as well as the roles of Community Nurse. Expansion of the language as well as suggested ways to cut down the cost of the use of Community Nurse was discussed. A short discussion ensued amongst all present. Mr. Gallagher commended the Nurses for their outstand work as well as welcoming them as the Board of Health first guests allowed into the meeting room since the start of the pandemic.
- 8. Public Comment**
 - a. None.
- 9. Invoices and Other business**
 - a. None.
- 10. Next meeting Date: June 23, 2021**
 - a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM, Mr.Gallagher seconded, vote was unanimous.