



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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June 23, 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, Peter DeTerra 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 June 9, 2021
Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the minutes of the open session on June 9, 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: 2,032. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 628. Total cases in the last two weeks: 5. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 8,522. Vaccinated Females is 4,788 at 56%. Fully Vaccinated Males is 3,734 at 44%.
- b. Covid Testing for June 26, 2021 is at the Acushnet Council on Aging 9am-12noon.
- c. Mr. Flaherty did not witness any perc tests, witnessed 4 title 5 inspections, followed up on 3 complaints and conducted 1 food service inspection. Mr. Flaherty 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. The Health office will be looking in to grants to help out the community with mosquito control. Residents are encouraged to contact Bristol County Mosquito Control to have their home scheduled for spraying by the State.
- d. Mr. Flaherty also stated, Beach season has now begun. Beaches have been tested and this week, Pope beach is closed until a retest is completed.

5. 11 Doane St- Inspection Review

- a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the passing inspection report for 11 Doane St, Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

6. 2 Silvershell Beach- Tight Tank Inspection Review

- a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion of approve the passing right tank inspection report for 2 Silvershell Beach, Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

7. Community Nurse Public Health Contract FY22

- a. Mr. Flaherty stated he spoke with Community Nurse and the contract is the same as it has always been and it coincides with other towns and what they are receiving for service.

There is no increase in the amount of the contract and Community Nurse will also begin the Blood Pressure Clinic shortly.

Mr.DeTerra made the motion for Chairman Michael Ristuccia to sign for the FY22 Community Nurse Contract, Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

8. Allowance of food cooked, prepared and served per Massachusetts Food Code- Discussion

- a. Mr. Flaherty stated, since everything is reopening with lifted restrictions, as long as it is being done correctly we should be able to provide, fresh cooked food. Mr.DeTerra made a suggestion to see how other towns are properly permitting these types of food services for us to compare as well as possibly adjust the fee and policy for next year.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to change policy to allow on site food preparation at the farmers market, no change to the fee, first time vendors will have a primary inspection with the understanding that there will be spot inspections throughout the course of the summer. Mr. DeTerra seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

9. Public Comment

- a. Ann Richard, via Zoom, mentioned that in years past the Board of Health assisted the town with Mosquito disks to residents free of charge, and questioned if the Health Department had funding to do so again. Mr. Flaherty said he will look into funding to assist with the mosquito control. Ms.Richard also asked to have rain barrels and composting bins to be placed on a future agenda. Mr. Ristuccia approved her request.
- b. Diane Hahn was present in the meeting room and wanted to commend Mr.Flaherty and Mrs.Bowers for their work on the Social Media page. She asked if we could use the reverse 911 or alert system to let everyone know which Beaches are open or closed. Mr.Gallagher stated that if there were long standing issues with a beach/beaches then the alert system could possibly be used. Mr. Flaherty said there will be online posting about the status of open and closed beaches for the public and if a beach is closed there will be a sign at the main entrance to notify persons. The beach closure sign is more of a warning to let people know to not swim in the water because they could get sick if it is ingested. The sandy part of the beach is still accessible.

10. Invoices, Correspondence and Other Business

- a. Mr. Flaherty stated the landfill report had just come in and all are welcome to read it. The numbers are low and nothing is alarming. Mr. Ristuccia had some concerns that it was close to surrounding places. Mr.DeTerra reassured him that the landfill has adequate space. Mr.Gallagher also mentioned that there are required setbacks for landfills.

11. Next Meeting Date: July 7, 2021 at 5PM.

- a. Mr.DeTerra made the motion to adjourn at 5:45pm, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.