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Board of Health

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October 13, 2021

PRESENT: Michael Ristuccia, Kevin Gallagher, Peter DeTerra, 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, all were present.

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 October 13, 2021
Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 29, 2021.
Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.

4. Health Agent Report/ COVID-19 Update

- a. Mr. Flaherty gave his Health Agent Report: As of October 8, 2021: Total Case Count: 2,405. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 2,394. Total cases in the last two weeks: 88. Positivity Rate of 4.34%. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 9,675. Vaccinated Females is 5,390, 65% Per Capita and 55% Proportion. Fully Vaccinated Males is 4,375, 56% Per Capita and 45% Proportion.
- b. COVID Testing will be until further notice and subject to change at the Emergency Management Building at 150 Sconticut Neck Rd from 10am- 12pm on Saturdays. Acushnet will also be doing COVID testing on Saturdays from 9am-12pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging. Shots and testing can also be obtained at local pharmacies.
- c. FDA released information on the Pfizer Booster Shot. Contact PCP.
- d. SouthCoast Vax Van to come to town on October 20 to do COVID/Flu vaccines from 2-6pm at the COA. Community nurse will also be doing homebound Flu and COVID vaccines for those who are in need.
- e. Blood pressure clinics are continuing at the Town Hall on October 27th from 1-2pm in the banquet room.
- f. The school vaccination rate needs to reach 80% in order for masks to be lifted. DESE Extended the mask mandate until November 1, 2021.
- g. Household Hazardous Waste Day is October 23, 2021 at BPW from 8-12. Must be Fairhaven resident.
- h. Ticks are low risk in Fairhaven, after the first frost they will be gone.
- i. Mr. Flaherty conducted 1 Food Inspection, Mr. DeTerra conducted 1 perc test, has also followed up on numerous complaints about rodents.
- j. Mr. Flaherty also had meeting with Vincent Furtado as well as Jeffery Furtado to follow up about the Boil Water Order to form a plan for better communication to residents and restaurants. The BOH office updated the telephone list which was forwarded to BPW which announced the order to establishments. Mr. Flaherty also conducted 25 spot checks to make sure businesses were in compliance.

- k. Mr.Gallagher reminded everyone about Acushnet Vaccine's at the COA on the 14th from 2-5pm, no residency requirement. Mr.Gallagher also went over the vaccine rate which ranged from September to October and feels as if we have plateaued. There is hopes to increasing vaccination rate through further COVID Vaccine clinics.
- 5. 31 Charity Stevens – Inspection Report Review**
 - a. Mr.DeTerra said he conducted the inspection while Mr.Flaherty was at a seminar. It is a 4 year old system and he recommends approval.
Mr.DeTerra made the motion to accept the passing inspection report of 31 Charity Stevens, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.
- 6. 46 Highland Ave- Inspection Report Review**
 - a. Mr.Flaherty witnessed the inspection. The home has not been habited for over 2 years and has failed due to high ground water. There is a sewer stub, and are required to tie into town sewer. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to accept the failure report of 46 Highland Ave, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.
- 7. Old Business- Fee Schedule**
 - a. Portions of the fee schedule were reviewed.
 - i. ADDED: Notifying abutters for new animals, \$10 Septic Abandonment Fee
 - ii. REMOVED: Section 8, Soil Evaluation, Mattress Recycling
 - iii. MINOR CHANGES: Bundled Sewage Disposal Construction Permit for repairs and new construction. Animal Permit Renewal reduced to \$10.
Mr DeTerra made a motion to approve the changes noted and as discussed, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.
- 8. 732 Sconticut Neck Rd**
 - a. Mr.Flaherty stated that the system is in failure since 2015, stated he can issue a certified letter which they will have 30 days to respond by an engineer, perc test or inspection. The owner must also maintain the system until replaced.
Mr.DeTerra made a motion to have a certified letter sent, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.
- 9. New Food Establishment- K's Meat Market**
 - a. Ms.Lague gave an overview of her Meat Market. She was present at the meeting as meat could be a potential hazard and needed to be permitted.
Mr. DeTerra made a motion to approve the permit for K's Meat Market, Mr.Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.
- 10. Public Comment**
 - a. Ms.Ann Richard was concerned that Mr.DeTerra was making a motion on animal permit fees when he has animals himself. Mr.DeTerra stated that he does not have animals. She also thanked the BOH Staff and Mr.Gallagher for the postcard that was mailed out to everyone in town.
- 11. Invoices, Correspondence and Other Business**
 - a. Mr.Gallagher would like to do a prescription drug drop off with the police station, Mr.DeTerra said there has been previous things like this that the Board of Health has done.
- 12. Next Meeting Date: October 27, 2021 at 5:00pm.**
 - a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to adjourn at 5:45PM, Mr.Gallagher seconded, vote passed.