



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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October 27, 2021

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Vice Chairman, Peter DeTerra called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call attendance of the meeting members were taken, Mr. Gallagher was present, Chairman Michael Ristuccia was absent due to a family matter.

2. Welcome and Media Notification

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

3. Minutes of the Meeting:

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

4. Health Agent Report/ COVID-19 Update

- a. Mr. Flaherty gave his Health Agent Report: As of October 22, 2021: Total Case Count: 2,473. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 21,561. Total cases in the last two weeks: 63. Positivity Rate of 4.23%. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 9,910. Vaccinated Females is 5,482, 67% Per Capita and 55% Proportion. Fully Vaccinated Males is 4,428, 57% 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. Community Nurse will be doing home bound vaccinations for residents who need them. More information to come.
- e. Blood pressure clinics are continuing at the Town Hall on November 10,24, December 8,22,2021 from 1-2 PM.
- f. The school vaccination rate needs to reach 80% in order for masks to be lifted. DESE Extended the mask mandate until January.
- g. Rats are a frequent complaint. It is getting colder and they are looking for warm places, be sure to clean up any areas where they can make homes and make sure they do not have any entry ways into your homes.
- h. Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 23 went very well, had over 200 cars. Many thanks to BPW, Kathy Tripp and Jocelyn Bowers.
- i. Boil Water Order was lifted. The Water Department worked very hard and we thank them very much.
- j. Fairhaven is partnering with New Bedford and Acushnet for assistance with Public Nursing needs.
- k. Mr. Flaherty explained why they were not wearing masks in Town Hall. He wrote a memorandum to the Select board to change the masking mandate in municipal buildings to a strong recommendation.

