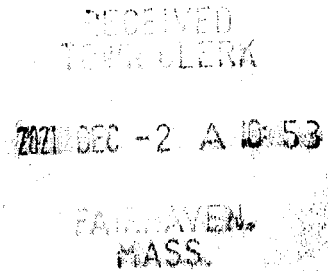




# Town of Fairhaven

## Board of Health

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November 12, 2021

PRESENT: Michael Ristuccia, Peter DeTerra & Kevin Gallagher. ABSENT: 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 members 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. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on October 27, 2021. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.

**4. Health Agent Report/ COVID-19 Update**

- a. Mr. Flaherty was absent and Mr. DeTerra read Mr. Flaherty's Health Agent Report: As of November 5, 2021: Total Case Count: 2,537. Total Tests in the last 2 weeks 1,321. Total cases in the last two weeks: 62. Positivity Rate of 5.37%. Total vaccinated persons in Fairhaven 9,982. Vaccinated Females is 5,495, 67% Per Capita and 55% Proportion. Fully Vaccinated Males is 4,487, 58% 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. Community Nurse will be doing home bound vaccinations for residents who need them. Please speak with your primary care physician about a booster vaccine.
- d. Blood pressure clinics are continuing at the Town Hall on November 24, December 8, 22, 2021 from 1-2 PM.
- e. 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. Also clean up any chicken/bird feed off the ground to not attract them.
- f. Tom Hemmingway, the Food Inspector is working on restaurant inspections and they are going very well. The Health Department staff is currently in permitting season.
- g. One perc test was completed and three title 5 inspections were conducted and they all passed.

**5. Mackatan Company Store- New Food Establishment, 39 Causeway Rd.**

- a. Mr. DeTerra made the motion to approve Mackatan Company Store, Mr. Gallagher seconded, and vote passed.

**6. 14 Cherrystone- Continued Discussion-**

- a. A discussion ensued amongst all board members regarding the property of 14 Cherrystone Rd, owned by Mr. Steven Hickox. Mr. Ristuccia would like Mr. Flaherty to write a letter to the Board of Public works which would include parts of chapter 491 and clarify who allows the tie in's. Mr. Ristuccia stated that they voted back in January and approved Mr. Hickox to tie in, and the vote included the Public works department to make sure the criteria was met. Mr. Gallagher stated he did

a property visit and walk with Mr.Hickox and did his research on the property and also read quite a bit of information on the sewer system itself and believes that it was a mistake since the property is listed as a structure according to the assessors listing it as a camp and that it was also given a number.

- b. Mr.Gallagher made a motion that the Board of Health affirms the vote of January 27, 2021 in which approval was given to Steven Hickox at 14 Cherrystone Rd, to tie into the West Island Sewer System, and notifying the Board of Public Works of that decision and asking them to do their due diligence to make sure that it is within the scope of their authority. Mr.DeTerra seconded the motion, vote passed.

**7. Public Comment**

- a. Diane Hahn was present and asked if the Board of Health was tracking Booster shots. Mr.Gallgher said the Board of Health is not and the state will only show first dose as well as fully vaccinated. Ms.Hahn also questioned vaccine clinics. Mr.Gallagher also responded stating that Southcoast is stopping their vaccination clinics and that Mr. Flaherty wrote a letter to the director of community benefits of SouthCoast, to continue the clinics. The letter was read out loud and all members of the board signed the letter.

**8. Invoices, Correspondence and Other Business**

- a. Bill's and permits are to be signed at the end of the meeting.

**9. Next Meeting Date: November 24, 2021 at 5:00pm- CHANGED**

- a. The meeting scheduled for Novmeber 24, 2021 at 5pm was changed to the following Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5pm due to the 24<sup>th</sup> of November being the eve of Thanksgiving.
- b. Mr.DeTerra made the motion to adjourn at 5:45pm, Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion, vote passed.