



Town of Fairhaven

Board of Health

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February 11, 2026

PRESENT: Justine Frezza, Brian Meneses, Barbara Acksen, David Flaherty

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Frezza called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Chair Frezza welcomed everyone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Media Notification

- a. Chair Frezza read the media and recording notifications.

4. Minutes of the Meeting

- a. **Motion:** Vice Chair Meneses made the motion to accept the minutes of the Public Meeting January 28, 2026. Member Acksen seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0-0).

5. Health Agent Report

- a. COVID positivity rate is 0% down from 5.32% for the past two weeks.
- b. Blood pressure and wellness clinics offered every Wednesday at the COA from 1-3 pm.
- c. Measles, pertussis, other childhood diseases, influenza, and RSV are on the rise. Please consult your physician regarding vaccinations.
- d. No Perc tests were witnessed and no Title 5 inspections were witnessed.
- e. Rodent complaints are still coming in. Please be vigilant with trash and birdseed on your property. Consult a licensed exterminator for property treatment in conjunction with neighbors if it seems overwhelming.
- f. Fairhaven home-bound residents qualify for a free home-bound flu vaccine offered by the Southeastern MA Public Health Collaborative to provide an in-home vaccine. If you were unable to attend any of the Vaccine clinics please contact your pharmacy.

- g. The Southeastern MA Public Health Collaborative has provided medication disposal bags, sharps containers, CPR masks, tick removers, sunscreen, and pill containers (these are available in English and Spanish). There are no longer any COVID test kits. Please visit the Health Department for any of these free items.
6. **Discussion of Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Training** – Agent Flaherty reviewed the upcoming training offered to Board of Health Members and Agents on topics associated with Public Health. The training will be paid through the Southeastern MA Public Health Collaborative. Agent Flaherty will register any interested Board Members for the March 21, 2026 training in Plymouth.
 7. **Discussion of New Poultry Regulations** – Agent Flaherty presented the revised draft of the proposed poultry regulations. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed poultry regulations and advertising for a Public Hearing.
 8. **Wind Turbine Status** – Agent Flaherty reported that Fairhaven Wind withdrew any proposed contract changes. Agent Flaherty contacted Weston & Sampson regarding testing and is awaiting a response. Chair Frezza requested a list of any recent inspections that have been performed. Discussion ensued regarding the contract.
 9. **Public Comment** – 2 Minute allowance by Chair on Public Health Issues
 10. **Next Meeting Date** – February 25, 2026 at 5:00pm
 11. **Meeting Adjourned – Motion:** Vice Chair Meneses motioned to adjourn the Public Meeting. Member Acksen seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0-0).