



# Town of Fairhaven

## Board of Health

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May 06, 2026

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

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Frezza called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. 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 April 22, 2026. Member Acksen seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0-0).

### 5. Health Agent Report

- a. COVID positivity rate remains at 0% 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. Tick and mosquito season has begun. Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will begin soon. Residents are advised to remain vigilant and check themselves, children, and pets for ticks after spending time outdoors. There is a tick PSA on the webpage and FB page.
- e. No Perc tests were witnessed and no Title 5 inspections were witnessed.

- f. 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.
  - g. 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.
  - h. 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.
  - i. No Impact Forms have been received in the past two weeks for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
6. **Wind Turbine Status** – Agent Flaherty reported that there were no updates regarding the wind turbines and that no Impact Forms had been received during the past two weeks. Discussion ensued regarding inspection reports and the decommissioning contract for the turbines. Member Acksen requested information concerning responsibility of Fairhaven Wind if the turbines need repairs. The Board also requested the expiration date of the current contract.
7. **Discussion on Kratom** – Chair Frezza commented that the Board should consider adopting regulations concerning kratom and 7-OH products. Discussion included the potential establishment of age restrictions; regulation of natural kratom products, including expiration dates, concentration limits per serving, warning label requirements, and violations; and include a ban on 7-OH products. Chair Frezza requested that Agent Flaherty prepare a draft regulation, including definitions, for the Board’s review. The Board also discussed incorporating inspections related to kratom products into existing tobacco inspection procedures.
8. **Public Comment** – 2 Minute allowance by Chair on Public Health Issues
9. **Invoices, Correspondence and any other business that may properly come before the Board not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting**
- a. Invoices reviewed and approved.
10. **Next Meeting Date** – May 20, 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).