



Falmouth Health Department

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA

August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall lower level meeting room
59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, MA 02540
Times indicated for the agenda topics are approximate

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the August 17, 2020 public meeting of the Falmouth Board of Health shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

1. Real-time public comment can be addressed to the Board of Health utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments will be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting.

Zoom Login instructions:

i. Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address: <http://www.falmouthmass.us/BOH>

ii. Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.

2. Additionally public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to health@falmouthma.gov at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.

3. Applicants, their representatives and individuals with enforcement matters before the Board may appear remotely and are not required to be physically present. Applicants, their representatives and individuals with enforcement matters before the Board may contact the Health Department to arrange an alternative means of real time participation if unable to use the Zoom virtual meeting software. Documentary exhibits and/or visual presentations should be submitted in advance of the meeting to the Health Agent at health@falmouthma.gov so they may be displayed for remote public access viewing.

5:00 - Opening remarks and public comment

HOUSING

5:00 – 7 Miami Ave – Update on an unoccupied dwelling first heard by the Board on August 10, 2020

The Health Department issued fines on August 10, 2020 for failure to comply with an Order to Correct from the Health Dept. regarding an apparent abandoned home located at 7 Miami Ave.

Documents: Order to Correct and certified mail receipts

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5:15 - 781 West Falmouth Highway – Innovative/ Alternative septic system approval request

Applicant seeking to install a MicroFast 0.5 unit

Documents – Cover letter and septic plans from David Flaherty dated August 5, 2020

COVID-19

5:25 – COVID-19 Health Department staffing

Board of Health is reviewing current staffing for the duration of COVID-19

Documents: draft letter from member Heufelder outlining Boards requests for staffing.

5:45 - General COVID-19 Discussion

Health Agent and Board of Health will discuss current state of the pandemic including update of the town's metrics, ongoing changes to guidance and a discussion on schools.

TOBACCO

6:00 – Review of state and Falmouth tobacco regulations continued from June 1, 2020, June 15, 2020, June 29, 2020, July 13, 2020, July 27, 2020 and August 10, 2020

New state tobacco regulations went into effect June 1, 2020. The Board will be reviewing both the current local and new state regulations. The Board will be further discuss revising Falmouth's local regulations to mesh with the new state regulations.

ARBOVIRUS REPORT

6:30 - Review of current status of 2020 mosquito testing/ EEE and WNV

Document: weekly state arbovirus report

6:35 - Health Agent update

GENERAL BUSINESS

6:40 – United States Air Force seeking Board approval to send a notice to residents

Seeking Board's approval of a letter that will be sent to residents regarding FS-29 groundwater plume.

Documents – letter from Doug Carson

6:45 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2020

Our Mission

The mission of the Falmouth Board of Health is to protect and promote the health, safety and well-being of residents and visitors of the Town of Falmouth. The primary functions of the Board of Health to achieve our mission are to: prevent and control disease, enforce state and local regulations, promulgate local health regulations, identify and protect from environmental hazards, and advocate for a healthy community.

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