



## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 AT 6:30PM

#### PRESENT

Michael Lanoue, Chair  
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair  
Dr. Ruby Chang, MD

Health Agents:  
Rebecca Jurczyk  
Locke Larkin

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 3, 2018

**MOTION:** Peter Stanton moved to approve the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes

**SECOND:** Ruby Chang

**VOTE:** 3-0

- January 10, 2019

**MOTION:** Peter Stanton moved to approve the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes

**SECOND:** Ruby Chang

**VOTE:** 3-0

#### C. BUSINESS

- **Syringe Services Program approval** (Discussion/ vote)

Ms. Jurczyk spoke about the sub- committee that formed out of the Southern Berkshire County Opioid Task Force. This group's goal was to establish a program where the community can dispense of used syringes. Ms. Jurczyk said the Public Health Alliance donated a sharps disposal kiosk to the Health Department a few years ago and has since been unused. Ms. Jurczyk said the Police Department had been unofficially collecting sharps in the pill drop off box but has discontinued doing so. Great Barrington is without a community drop off location for used syringes. Ms. Jurczyk informed the Board of Health that the estimated cost to cover removal twice a month has been added into the Board of Health/ Health Department budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The location for the kiosk has not been confirmed but the group is making progress on securing an easily accessible location. Ms. Jurczyk said this has been the sticking point in using the donated sharps bin, stating that used syringes are stigmatized and it has been difficult to find a willing organization to take this service on.

- **Tanning/ body art regulation review**(Discussion)

The Board of Health confirmed that both sets of regulations were well written and were effective in protecting public health as they are. Mr. Jurczyk said Great Barrington has one Tanning Salon and one Body Art Salon. The body art salon had been previously permitted but the tanning salon has not. Permit renewal applications for both businesses have been sent in the mail this week. Ms.

Jurczyk said inspections for both businesses will be on a regular rotation going forward.

- **Smoke free workplace regulations** (Discussion)

The Board of Health had asked the Health Agent to look into why the Great Barrington Smoke-Free workplace regulations do not allow for smoking in private clubs when other towns/ cities in Massachusetts seem to allow it. Ms. Jurczyk said the State passed an act prohibiting smoking in public places which does not apply to private, member only clubs. The State left it up to Local Boards of Health to decide if they would allow smoking in private clubs and the Great Barrington Smoke-Free Workplace Regulations does ban smoking even in private clubs. Ms. Jurczyk explained that these regulations are unusual because they lack a provision for requesting a variance or waiver. Ms. Jurczyk further explained that it is impossible to consider allowing a private cigar bar in Great Barrington. Chair, Michael Lanoue said he would like to look into how they could go about adding such a provision into the regulations. Oleg Barburin, resident of Great Barrington said there is no place to go if you wanted to enjoy a cigar with your friends except within your private homes. Dr. Chang said, "It is important that we remember we are the Board of Health and it is our job to protect the health of those that live and visit Great Barrington." The Board asked the Health Agent to look into whether or not adding a provision into the Smoke-Free Workplace regulations about variances and waivers is a possibility.

**D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- Health Agent Report

Locke Larkin, Health and Animal Inspector reviewed the inspections and permits issued in January, 2019.

- Update on implementation of Nail Salon Regulations

Ms. Jurczyk asked for the Board members to sign a copy of the Manicurist, Manicuring, and Nail Salon Regulations. This will complete the information packet that will be sent out to the existing and new nail salons. Ms. Jurczyk said they are sending out packets to three new nail salons and asked the Board to let the Health Department know if they hear about others.

- Budget process update

Ms. Jurczyk passed out the Health Department budget for the Board to review and make questions or comments. Ms. Jurczyk said the Selectboard and Finance Committee have almost concluded the FY20 budget process. There will be the final public hearing on Monday, March 4, 2019. This public hearing is when the Boards will vote to approve the proposed budget to go onto the Annual Town Meeting in May.

- March, 2019 Rabies Clinic

A date had not been finalized but it will be held in early March at the Great Barrington Fire Station. Bilmar Veterinary Services have agreed to sponsor the event and provide the rabies vaccinations.

**E. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME**

**F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME**

**G. MEDIA TIME**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Ruby Chang with a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk  
GBBOH Agent