

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION**  
**37 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA**  
**THURSDAY, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Health Agents**

Rebecca Jurczyk  
Ned Saviski

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

October 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Vote) Approved: 3-0

**3. SPECIAL PERMIT REVIEW**

1. Coastal Cultivators, LLC, to locate a retail marijuana establishment at 454 Main Street, Great Barrington, closer than 200 feet to the property of a private school.  
Peter Puciloski, Attorney representing Coastal Cultivators, LLC, stated the distance is 1100 feet building to building.  
Michelle Loubert, Concerned that a retail marijuana shop would be located near a public or private school, or a town park in Great Barrington. Wants to be on the record stating that she doesn't feel the Board of Health should recommend this.  
Michael Lanoue: Board of Health will not be making a recommendation.  
Peter Puciloski: Dewey Academy will be moving their location. They have acquired another piece of property to which they will be moving.  
Walter McTege: We will be making comments at the Selectboard meeting.  
Trevor ? - We have regulations and this is setting a bad precedent  
Peter Stanton moved to pass this special permit on to the Selectboard without comment. Vote: 3-0

**4. BUSINESS**

**1. July and October Correction Order: Great Barrington Housing Authority. Unit #23.**

Rebecca Jurczyk: October 20th Reinspection of Unit 23 which was intended to be a final follow up of the July Correction Order. Many of the outstanding violations had been abated. We decided to issue another

correction order after this inspection. Ordered the Housing Authority to sufficiently repair whatever is causing the chronic dampness and gave them a new deadline of November 26th, 2020. Also included a provision that Unit #23 should be equipped with a dehumidifier until this violation can be sufficiently abated.

Dr. Ruby Chang: Has the Housing Authority been able to come in?

April Candee (Renter): Nothing has been worked on . Housing Authority has not agreed to a correction order, only want to come in and clean.

Attorney for Housing Authority, John Libel: Became involved because of inability to access the Unit. Plan put in place by Housing Court. Mold remediation company: Catamount Response will go into the unit as agreed upon and inspect. Great Barrington Authority is committed to addressing this issue. Court hearing scheduled for Friday , November 13th, 2020.

Attorney has an existing judicial proceeding to gain access to Miss Candee's unit. Miss Candee has since filed a lawsuit against the Great Barrington Housing Authority. Catamount mold remediation has not issued a report as to their findings as of yet. Michael Lanoue: Move on to the next order of business.

**2. Updates Related to Public Health and Housatonic Water-New Information only.**

Rebecca Jurczyk: Town of Great Barrington has two Engineering Companies to conduct a Phase 2 assessment/ study. When the contract is approved by the Selectboard these companies will work together to prepare a report. Rebecca and the town Manager are awaiting a report from the DEP.

**3. 232 Stockbridge Road: Violation of 2018 affirmative vote to remain unoccupied pending fulfilment of November 2017 Correction Order and approval from the Board of Health.**

Ned Saviski, Health Inspector, did an inspection of the property on October 30th, 2020 and determined people are living on the premises. He spoke with one of the residents who lives in the front apartment, second floor.

Dr. Ruby Chang: Would like to hear from the owners of the property.

**E. COMMUNITY COVID-19**

1. Stay at Home Order
2. No Liquor sales and other services past 9:30 PM
3. Public and Private Gathering Update
4. Update to Facial Covering Order

Rebecca Jurczyk- Masks now required everywhere in public outside of your house and car unless there is a medical reason.

Enforcement is complaint driven, communication to the community and business owners.

Dr. Ruby Chang: Keep records of complaints and manpower required to field complaints.

Comments:

Michelle Loubert, 70 Division Street: does not agree with masks on trails. How are medical exemptions handled.

Kathy Regan, 235 Grove Street : Keep our constitutional orders in mind. Discrimination and harassment issues. Husband was harassed at Carr Hardware, Police were involved.

Nan Wile: Recommends carrying an exemption card.

Dr. Ruby Chang: The customers coming in need to be protected, Staff needs to be protected, and be kind.

Clarify - Stores have a right to turn away customers but not if they have an exemption.

Peter Stanton: Put a reminder out to all businesses.

Daniel Seitz-31 Pleasant Street- Maximize public health

**F. Health Department Updates:**  
October Report - Positive, only 1 case in Great Barrington

**G. Board of Health Speak Time:**  
Dr, Ruby Chang: Glyphosate , need to establish a timeline to address this.  
Michael Lanaou: Should we ban Glyphosate use in town. Pick back up on January Agenda.  
Nan Wiles: Concom is good at giving permits to deal with invasives.

**H. Citizen Speak Time:**  
Kathy Regan: Where to find information on Covid?  
Rebecca Jurczyk: Monthly Board of Health Updates

**I. Media Time:**  
No Questions

**J. Adjournment:**  
Role Call Vote 8:40 PM  
Vote: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



Ned Saviski  
Health Inspector