

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION
37 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

MICHAEL LANOUE, CHAIRMAN

RUBY CHANG

PETER STANTON

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. BUSINESS:

1. Remote Learning Hosted by Berkshire South Regional Community Center:
Do not need Local Municipal to operate the childcare and learning program.

2. Correction Order: Great Barrington Housing Authority. Unit #23: Charlie Kniecki; Retired State District Health Officer which was the ranking Public Health Official for Western Massachusetts, stated the issue is chronic dampness. Mold is an indicator of chronic dampness. Ruby reiterated “with indoor environments, moisture control is the key to mold growth”.
Charlie also commented, the Board of Health cannot use an independent report. The report is a third party observation. The Health Agent has to do the inspections and correction orders. Michael indicated that the best step to move forward is to do a follow up inspection in which Rebecca will either amend the correction order or issue another one. Michael agreed to assist with the inspection.
Heather Bellow, representing The Berkshire Eagle inquired about any local penalties if a violation is not addressed. Charlie’s response was that penalties are up to the courts.

3. Concerns Related to Public Health and Housatonic Water Works: Michael stated new information only. Rebecca indicated that other than three to four water test kits given out, there was no new information. Ruby suggested a list be kept of those who were given test kits.

C. COMMUNITY COVID-19:

Great Barrington is a no risk to low risk community. There were no positive cases reported in 14 days.

- **Suggestions regarding Halloween:** Rebecca indicated we are following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) general guidelines. The Select board will be deciding on trick or treat and/or other activities.
- **Weddings and Events:** Rebecca stated the changes to indoor and outdoor capacity limits effective 10/05/2020.
Indoor performance venues will be permitted to open with 50% capacity with a maximum of 250 people.

Outdoor performance venue capacity will increase to 50% with a max of 250 people.

The limit for indoor gatherings remains at a maximum of 25 people for all communities.

Outdoor gatherings at private residences and in private backyards will remain at a maximum of 50 people for all communities.

Outdoor gatherings at event venues and in public settings will have a limit of 50 people in Step I communities, and a limit of 100 people in lower risk, Step II communities.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- Syringe Access Program : The office of HIV/ AIDS reached out this week to let us know they've received all our paperwork and will begin the bidding process with all potential vendors. Once the contract is awarded DPH will work with that program to develop a program model and terms of service.
- Health Inspector Report: 74 Food inspections for August.

E. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME: None

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

G. MEDIA TIME: None

H. ADJOURNMENT – (Roll Call Vote)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ned Saviski

Health Inspector