

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Great Barrington, Massachusetts
Via Zoom
March 3rd, 2022

Present:

Michael Lanoue, Chairman
Ruby Chang
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent
Ned Saviski, Health Inspector

A. CALL TO ORDER: (Roll Call Vote **2-0**) 6:37 pm

B. MEETING MINUTES: February 17, 2022 (Discussion/ Roll Call Vote)

Peter Stanton: Motion to approve the above dated minutes.

Dr. Ruby Chang; Not Present

Chair Michael Lanoue; In agreement

(Roll Call Vote 2-0)

C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk recapped the Covid statistics for February in Great Barrington.

Also discussed was School vacation being the last week of February, which led to conversation about removing the Covid Mask advisory. The CDC updated guidelines were also reviewed.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a Notice of Non-Compliance to Housatonic Water Works for Disinfection Byproducts - Halo Acetic Acids 5 (HAA5).

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk will have this notice posted to the Town of Great Barrington website.

D. BOARD OF HEALTH QUESTIONS/ UPDATES: None

E. SPECIAL PERMIT REVIEW:

- **SP # 926-22:** Application from the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, c/o Betsy Andrus, Executive Director, for new Construction in the Village Overlay District; work includes replacing the existing visitor booth at approximately 362 Main Street, Great Barrington, with a new larger building in the same location, and a parking waiver. Application is filed in accordance with Sections 9.2, 6.9, and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Executive Director of the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce Betsy Andrus proceeded to describe the design and changes involving the new building.

Peter Stanton: Motion to pass this to the Select Board

Dr. Ruby Chang; Second

Chair Michael Lanoue; In agreement

(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)

- **SP # 927-22:** Application from the Meed Cannabis LLC, c/o David M. Ullian, Vicente Sederberg LLP, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, 26th Floor Boston, MA 02199, for a marijuana cultivation and transportation establishment in an industrial zone at 964 Main Street, Parcel B, Great Barrington. Application is filed in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 C(13), 7.18 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Representing Meed Cannabis were:

David M. Ullian, Attorney

Moshe Rozzy

Dan Delaney

Ryan Conner, Architect

Attorney Ullian explained the location, the building, the business plan and the anticipated water usage and disposal.

Moshe Rizzy explained the solid waste and waste disposal plan.

Ryan Conner spoke on the filtration units and how they operate. He discussed the equipment, the odor, and clean air outside the room, and the outside lighting.

Dan Delaney also spoke on the outside lighting plans, and business hours.

Dr. Ruby Chang questioned the water usage, wastewater issues possible, and fertilizers being used.

A group member explained that all fertilizers being used here are organic, explained that no product will go down the drain, and the system is reverse osmosis.

Garfield Reed, Castle Avenue, Great Barrington had several similar questions for the Meed Group. He asked about the specifics of the Fertilizer, square footage, the noise, the fans and odors.

The Meed group responded accordingly.

Peter Stanton: Motion to pass this to the Select Board

Dr. Ruby Chang; Second

Chair Michael Lanoue; In agreement

(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)

F. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY:

Discussion amongst Board Members that resulted in leaving the Advisory as is for another month, and work on an updated Advisory for the next BOH Meeting.

No vote was required as the Advisory was not changed.

G. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:

Dena Fisher, Great Barrington: Discussed reasons for not changing the Advisory including school vacation, drop in cases, healthcare facilities, and home testing rates.

Dr. Ruby Chang explained differences between PCR testing and home testing.

H. MEDIA QUESTIONS: None

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Peter Stanton: Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Ruby Chang: Second

Michael Lanoue: In agreement

(Roll Call Vote **3-0**) 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Ned Saviski
Health Inspector