

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Great Barrington, Massachusetts
Via Zoom
February 17th, 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 **3-0**) 6:32 pm

B. MEETING MINUTES:

December 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Discussion/ Vote)
December 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (Discussion/ Vote)
January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Discussion/ Vote)
January 11, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes (Discussion/ Vote)

Peter Stanton: Made a motion to approve the above dated minutes.
Dr. Ruby Chang: Second
Chair Michael Lanoue; In agreement
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)

C. SPECIAL PERMIT REVIEW:

SP 925-22: Application from Shay Alster, IS REAL TEAM, LLC, 21 South End Ave, New York, NY 10280, for a Special Permit to create a Rear Lot in an R-2 zone, at 183 Division Street, Great Barrington, in accordance with Sections 4.3 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.
Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk briefed the Board on the plans for a Septic and Well on this site. Rebecca also said we have not seen a septic or well design or applications. Her recommendations for this special permit are that prior to building, Shay Alster should get Board of Health approval on septic and well plans.
Also discussed was the lot and surrounding wetlands, town utilities in the area and the area being both residential and industrial.
Peter Stanton made a motion to pass along to the Planning Board with recommendations that the Board of Health is allowed to see the septic and well plans before signing off on the building permit and construction.
Dr. Ruby Chang: Seconded the motion
Chair Michael Lanoue; In agreement
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- **Community Covid-19 Update:**

Rebecca Jurczyk recapped the Covid statistics for January and early February in Great Barrington. She also discussed the status of cases in the nursing homes in town, and that Great Barrington passed peak infections in the beginning of January. Despite dwindling numbers, Covid is still effecting vulnerable populations in our community.
The change of Covid guidance in Massachusetts was also discussed, which is also posted on the town website

- **Housatonic Water Works Updates:**

Rebecca Jurczyk reviewed the following requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) imposed:

An Operations Evaluation Form must be submitted outlining how the water company will take actions to correct this violation. Rebecca Believes this form has already been submitted by the water company.

Testing locations for this substance are at 10 Depot Road and 314 North Plain Road.

The Rural Recovery Center, State Road.

They are planning a soft opening in March. Rebecca Jurczyk explained the services of this center and the location.

Rebecca also discussed the needle exchange program and the services that will be offered at the new Harm Reduction Facility opening on Stockbridge Road. This program is scheduled to open April 1st

Rabies Vaccination Clinic: Planned for Saturday, March 12th at the Fire Station from 9:00am to 12:00pm, sponsored by Bilmar.

Newsletter: We are working on starting a Newsletter, monthly or quarterly that will be accessible to the public through the town website, emails and physical distribution at town buildings.

E. **BOARD OF HEALTH QUESTIONS/ UPDATES:** None

F. **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY:** Rebecca Jurczyk discussed the updated Department of Public Health guidelines, and that she feels it doesn't conflict with our current town advisory. Chair Michael Lanoue feels we should stick to our current advisory and wait until March. Ruby Chang agreed not to make changes as of yet. Peter Stanton also agreed to leave our advisory as is.

G. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:** None

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) 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted:



Ned Saviski
Health Inspector

Approved 3/3/22