

**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Great Barrington, Massachusetts**  
**Via Zoom**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Present:**

Michael Lanoue, Chairman  
Ruby Chang  
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** (Roll Call Vote **3-0**) 6:34 pm
2. **MEETING MINUTES:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Discussion/ Roll Call Vote)  
Peter Stanton: Motion to approve the above dated minutes.  
Dr. Ruby Chang; Second  
Chair Michael Lanoue; In agreement  
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)
3. **BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION:**  
Peter Stanton: Motion to keep everything the way it is with the Board  
Dr. Ruby Chang: Second  
Michael Lanoue: In agreement  
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)
4. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

Appoint Health Inspector Ned Saviski, as Alternate member for the Public Health Alliance Governing Board

Appoint Health Inspector Ned Saviski, as Alternate voting member for the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative.

Peter Stanton: Motion to approve Ned as the Alternate member for the Public Health Alliance Governing Board.

Dr. Ruby Chang: Second  
Michael Lanoue: In agreement  
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)

Peter Stanton: Motion to approve Ned as the Alternate voting member for the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative.

Dr. Ruby Chang: Second  
Michael Lanoue: In agreement  
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**)

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk reviewed the housing investigations and gave general updates. Names and addresses were not all given.

- Closed Out Housing Complaints:  
Hillside Avenue  
232 Stockbridge Road  
54 River Street
- New Housing Complaints:  
266 Park Street  
281 Main Street

- Continued Housing:  
364 Park Street  
284 Main Street

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

6. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:**

Application for Municipality Opt-Out of State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB) spraying. Overview of application process, Arbovirus surveillance in Southern Berkshire County, and recommendation to the Selectboard.

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk explained what this application process is like, and what we would have to do during this meeting if we want to move forward.

Dr. Ruby Change: Would like it to be clear that there hasn't been any cases here in Berkshire County – Southern Berkshire region.

Vivian Orlowski: Member of the Agricultural Commission

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Agricultural Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to support the Board of Health's position to opt out of from State reclamation and Mosquito Control Boards pesticide and mosquito control programs. The Agricultural Commission strongly urges the Town to opt out of spraying.

Research has shown that these pesticides also kill pollinator insects as well as being detrimental to other wildlife and humans.

The Agricultural Commission will urge the Select Board to continue supporting this policy and support the Board of Health's recommendation.

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk explained the outbreak cycle according to Katelyn Jetelina; Your Local Epidemiologist. Rebecca also explained the sampling and testing processes.

Peter Stanton: Motion to recommendation to the Select Board to support the application to opt out of all Mosquito spraying.

Dr. Ruby Chang: Second

Michael Lanoue: In agreement  
(Roll Call Vote 3-0)

7. **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY:**

In April, approximately 85 cases in Great Barrington according to PCR tests.

According to CDC risk levels, last week we were categorized as high risk.

School cases are increasing among staff. No talk of reinstituting masks.

The Board discussed their thoughts of advisory changes going forward.

Dr. Ruby Change discussed how information effects the urgency levels of this advisory. Maybe something directed towards high risk populations. Thinks we should have a standing advisory.

Key points on our website should be up to date and what is happening currently.

Michael Lanoue suggested leaving advisory for this meeting, then for the June meeting look at a seasonal advisory.

Peter Stanton doesn't feel confident people are reading our advisories as there are so many sources for information.

Rebecca Jurczyk will send a document for the Board to make their suggestions.

Decision is to edit the Advisory for summer months to vote on in June, and revisit in September.

Vote not taken.

8. **CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:** None

9. **MEDIA QUESTIONS:** None

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Peter Stanton: Motion to adjourn the meeting  
Dr. Ruby Chang: Second  
Michael Lanoue: In agreement  
(Roll Call Vote **3-0**) 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Ned Saviski  
Health Inspector