

**Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Great Barrington, Massachusetts
Via Zoom
June 16th, 2022**

Present:

Michael Lanoue, Chairman
Ruby Chang
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** (Roll Call Vote 3-0) 6:33 pm

2. **MEETING MINUTES:** May 12th, 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. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- Housing: Pretty quiet, no new housing inspections in May and first half of June.
Continuation of two correction orders previously issued.
 - 364 Park Street: Correction order originally issued September, 2021. Compliance inspection scheduled for June 21st, 2022. Hopefully the property will be in full compliance at that time.
 - 266 Park Street: Began in April. Correction order took longer than normal to get out because of an address issue. Landlord applied for a 30 day extension beyond correction order to bring the compliance date to August 8th, 2022. Tennant is in attendance. Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk reviewed the Correction Order with the Board.
The Tenant spoke about knob and tube wiring still being active. Heat has been an ongoing issue that was not mentioned when she moved in last August.
Board members Peter and Michael are fine with extending the Correction Order to July 16th for non-heat issues. On July 16th we will need an update on the heating issue.
Peter Stanton: Motion to grant the extension to July 15th, 2022 with a plan of progress for the heating system.
Dr. Ruby Chang: Second
Michael Lanoue: In agreement
(Roll Call Vote 3-0)
- Rebecca Jurczyk reminded the Board that normally a meeting is skipped in the summer and the July meeting would likely be the one. Michael Lanoue was in agreement to have the next Board of Health meeting on August 4th, 2022.
- Update on Housatonic Water Works: A notice of enforcement action was received from DEP. This document includes an administrative consent order. HWW needs to sign the consent order that they are in agreement that these are violation.
- The Select Board submitted a request to HWW to provide water to residents. HWW denied this request.
Dr. Ruby Chang asked if we can request more frequent testing as this is occurring during heavy rain falls. More testing will give us more data. Dr. Chang also mentioned that we are having heavier rains now with climate change.
Rebecca Jurczyk believes this request would be met with a negative response. DEP has jurisdiction over this.
Michael Lanoue suggested writing to DEP to request more frequent testing. We feel that more frequent testing with the results being made public would provide more transparency.
Rebecca Jurczyk will research what DEP tests for and review her findings with the Board, then


they will draft a letter to DEP.

Unapproved

- Attorney General (AG) Settlement Funds: Municipalities are now eligible for settlement funds. Communities can now request funds to use towards harm reduction, opioids education and recovery services. Technically the Select Board is responsible for applying for settlement funds. After discussions with other Boards of Health it may be a better idea to pool funds rather than use town funds. Great Barrington will receive approximately \$50,000.00 over the next ten years. Consensus is that the funds are more wisely spent pooled. Public health collaborative is working on a wish list for the funds. Rebecca will put this on the Agenda for August of September.
- 4. **COVID-19 Community Updates:** Cases are low. Reviewed the previous five weeks data for Southern Berkshire. We will be receiving a second round of testing kits from the State to distribute to various organizations. Expiration dates have been extended.
Masks will also be ordered from DPH. Expecting five thousand N95's.
- 5. **BOARD OF HEALTH QUESTIONS / UPDATES :** None
- 6. **BOARD OF HEALTH BUSINESS:** Reviewed FY23 Nursing Contract, sharps kiosks to be ordered through Jayne Smith.
Also discussed suggestions for use of \$7,000.00 grant funds received from Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative. Discussion will continue.
Peter Stanton: Motion to approve the Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative
Dr. Ruby Chang: Second
Michael Lanoue: In agreement
(Roll Call Vote 3-0)
- 7. **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY:** Reviewed the current Advisory from the Commonwealth that was updated June 10th, 2022.
Also discussed, edited and reviewed our local advisory and how it should be reviewed periodically with changes in season and infection rates.

Peter Stanton: Motion to approve updated advisory
Dr. Ruby Chang: Second
Michael Lanoue: In agreement
(Roll Call Vote 3-0)
- 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) 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted:


Ned Saviski
Health Inspector