



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING FIRE STATION CONFERENCE ROOM 37 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230 THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019 AT 6:30PM MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Peter Stanton - Acting Chair (vice chair)
Dr. Ruby Chang
Michael Lanoue – Absent

Health Agents:

Rebecca Jurczyk
Health and Animal Inspector, Locke Larkin

A. CALL TO ORDER

Peter Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 11, 2019 (Vote) – Not approved.

C. BUSINESS

- **Continuation from July 11, 2019 meeting:** Review of the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Template for Marijuana Regulations. And update on CBD policies and regulations.
(Discussion)

Mr. Stanton announced that this agenda item will be postponed to a later meeting. The Town Council has not submitted comments on the proposed draft so the Board will wait to receive the edited version before continuing the discussion.

- **Berkshire Engineering** to discuss 443 Monterey Road buildings and septic subdivision.
(Discussion/ Vote)

Ben Naylor, on behalf of Berkshire Engineering gave the Board of Health an update on the proposed septic construction plans for the former Eagleton Property. The new lot addressed 443 Monterey Road consists of two dwellings, a former dormitory and gymnasium. Mr. Naylor explained that the existing building will be altered when the lot is purchased and they would like to keep the septic system capacity at 550 gallons per day. The Board's Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk explained that there are currently 5 bedrooms in the dormitory building. The gymnasium is also hooked up to the existing system. The gymnasium is required to have a capacity of 75 gallons per day per 1,000 sq. ft. alone. Mr. Naylor explained that the buildings would be reconfigured after the sale so that there are no more than 5 bedrooms between the two dwelling units. The Board agreed that it is too early to make a recommendation or vote and made the request that Berkshire Engineering come back before them once a design has been finalized.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Health Agent Report:

Health Agent Locke Larkin reviewed the inspections conducted and permits issued in previous month of July.

E. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME

None.

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Michelle Loubair, 70 Division Street: Ms. Loubair encouraged the Board of Health to visit the marijuana farms in Sheffield during peak flowering season. Ms. Loubair said that as a resident of the community near the proposed pot farm she is very concerned about odor. Ms. Loubair said that the smell will be the most potent during the months of September and October, one of the more enjoyable times to live in the Berkshires. Ms. Loubair encouraged the Board of Health to thoroughly consider all public health aspects of this facility and to make the right decision for the community and the residents who have to live nearby.

Doug Stevenson, 351 North Plain Road: Mr. Stevenson urged the Board of Health to act quickly because without Board of Health parameters now they (Fulcrum Enterprises, LLC) will be grandfathered in and not subjected to any regulations made after the Special Permit is approved.

Trevor Forbes, 325 North Plain Road: Mr. Forbes said that the Board of Health needs to consider the size and nature of this type of facility. The processing plant will be working with highly volatile chemicals that are dangerous for a residential area. Mr. Forbes strongly suggested that the Board of Health put significant limitations on this facility.

Karin Passmore, 317 North Plain Road: Ms. Passmore said that the marijuana plant is not a native plant species to North American, the plant is native to parts of Asia. Ms. Passmore said that we don't have a full understanding of the plant. She asked the Board of Health; "It is called weed, does it act like a weed? Is it invasive? What are the types of pesticides used on the plants?" Ms. Passmore said these questions need to be answered before manufacturers are allowed to grow the plant in great numbers.

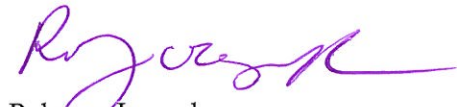
G. MEDIA TIME

NONE.

H. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Dr. Ruby Chang, with a unanimous vote the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk
GB BOH Agent.