

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

MICHAEL LANOUE

RUBY CHANG

PETER STANTON – NOT PRESENT

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 5, 2019 Minutes – not approved as they were not available.
Minutes of November 7, 2019 were not voted

C. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME: - none

D. VARIANCE REQUEST:

A. Berkshire Engineering for a variance for a 20% reduction in the septic field at 11 Monument Valley Road, Great Barrington, MA (Discussion/Vote). Locke noted that the 20% reduction is allowable for the size of the field. Currently they are operating out of a tight tank. The reason for the reduction is because of the topographical and geographical features of the land. It was very hard to fit in a full size system. The space is limited because of the location of the well. Locke noted in the past there have been a number of breakouts.

MOTION: Ruby Chang to grant the 20% variance for the size of the field.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 2-0

B. Scott McFarland for a variance for 127 Monument Valley Road, for a Title 5- evaluation by the Board of Health (Discussion/Vote) Scott noted that they are 3 feet short of the 50' setback from a leach field to a drilled well. A title 5 was done in 2002. The leach trenches are working fine. The well is 47' from the trenches. When it is under 50' the Board of Health has to sign off. A water sample was very good. It is a metal cased drilled well.

MOTION: Ruby Chang to grant the variance and allow for the 3' variance from the leach well to the well.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 2-0

C. Berkshire Engineering for a variance between the SAS and high ground water for 443 Monterey Road (Discussion/Vote) they will have to get an easement to move the property line to fit it in there. This is a jet system – drip irrigation system into the field. They are asking for a 1 ft. reduction into the ground water to minimize the amount of fill. This is a whole new system. The buildings are already there. It was noted Rebecca did the percs. There is a pump chamber.

MOTION: Ruby Chang to grant the variance and allow for the 1' reduction to the ground water.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 2-0

D. RECOMMENDATION TO THE SELECTBOARD – SPECIAL PERMIT #905-19 from School Street Parking, LLC, c/o Phillips International Holdings Corp., 5 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield, MA to construct and operate a commercial parking lot in a B-3 zone and for work within the Water Quality Protection District, at 11 School Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230 (Discussion/Vote) It was determined that it does not involve the Board of Health per Locke. It is the current laundry across from Jane Iredale. They want to tear down the laundry building and make a parking lot.

MOTION: Ruby Chang to pass it on to the Select Board with not recommendation because it is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 2-0

NEW BUSINESS:

None

E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Locke noted that a lot of things didn't get done because of sickness and administration shortage. He said he only did 5 food inspections. He has 3-4 dog bite situations still pending. We have issued a tremendous amount of temporary permits because of the many events.

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME.

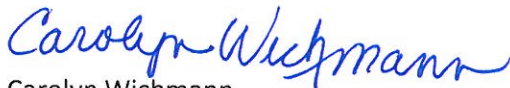
Michelle Loubert asked when the next Board of Health meeting is. Currently it is scheduled for 1/2/20 or the 9th. She noted the October minutes are important for the January meeting. Michael said he would get a copy to her.

A citizen spoke in regard to Issues regarding tenants at an apt. house. The elderly person made a complaint. Apparently there is not going to be a follow-up. This neighbor went to the Building Dept. Michael noted that most housing complaints go to the Board of Health. This person said she wrote a letter to Rebecca. This person said she was served with an eviction notice after visiting the Building Inspector. Copies of the emails were given to Locke. The owner said he was going to clear out the basement and a contractor had sprayed some kind of insulation which caused irritation. The person did not give their name or address. Michael Lanoue told her he would look into the matter and get back to her by the end of the following day.

G. MEDIA TIME

H. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Recording Secretary