

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION
37 STATE ROAD, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

MICHAEL LANOUE, CHAIRMAN

RUBY CHANG

PETER STANTON

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 3, 2019 (Vote)

2. November 7, 2019 (Vote)

MOTION: Peter Stanton to approve the minutes from the October 3rd meeting with the correction of the date and the November 7th meeting minutes.

SECOND: Ruby Chang

VOTE: 3-0

3. December 5, 2019 (Vote)

MOTION: Ruby Chang to approve the December 5, 2019 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 2-0 (Peter was not present at the December meeting)

C. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME:


Michelle Loubert, 70 Division Street, Housatonic said the public hearing for Fulcrum will be Monday, January 13, 2020 and the issue of not complying with the 35 day time line was a problem with the Health Board's official recommendation to the Select Board. The citizens indicated that the board members speak at the hearing. Michael said he would be present. And Peter Stanton said he would attend. Ruby indicated that there have been some plan changes as far as the green houses. Michelle indicated that the green houses were going north and south. Now they are going east and west. The industrial fans that will be exhausting will be running 24/7. This is in a residential neighborhood. Also, as part of a public records request e-mails have been received of discussion going back and forth with town hall and Fulcrum's specialists and the e-mail said the highest concentration of odor will be Park Street/Mountain Street. Michelle said that it looks like they have directed the odor to another neighborhood. Michelle said she is making the neighborhood aware of what is going on. The pier reviewer for the town, when they reviewed Fulcrum's specialist report found that odor control was ineffective. Michelle said she wanted to thank the board for being so gracious to their group.

Susan Lord, 203 Highland Street, Housatonic, MA – She asked if the committee is going to look into the bylaws that lead to them to being eliminated from weighing in on this. This is exactly the issue the Board of Health should weigh in on. Ruby said he personally spoke with the Town Manager and she was appalled by the 35 day limit. He basically said it is a ruling and it is an esoteric law that nobody ever used and we were not aware of it. It came into view of the lawyer and she used it to her benefit. The nuisance laws were the only laws that are applicable. Michael said we are in the process of coming up with our own regulations for sound and odor. The town attorney has yet to respond. It was indicated that they were going to increase their square footage. The cannabis control has their regulations per Michael.

Valerye, 1051 Main Street, Housatonic, MA regarding issues in her apartment. She noted that Locke knows about it. The landlord has received orders by certified mail indicating that there are problems. Mark hired Jeff Kennedy from Williamstown who did a housing inspection at 1051 Main Street and 206 Pleasant Street. The landlord now has to fix the issues. She indicated that some of the issues have to do with the Board of Health and others with the Building Dept. Michael said he would look into the time period of responding to the issues. Michael said he would coordinate through Rebecca.

- D. NEW BUSINESS:**
- E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES**
- F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME**
- G. MEDIA TIME**
- H. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn Wichmann
Interim Recording Secretary