

**Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Great Barrington, Massachusetts
Via Zoom
December 14th, 2021**

Present:

Michael Lanoue, Chairman
Ruby Chang
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent
Ned Saviski, Health Inspector

A. CALL TO ORDER: (Roll Call Vote) 3-0 6:52 pm

B. GREAT BARRINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC ADVISORY: To review and amend the Public Health Advisory implemented on September 15, 2021 pertaining to COVID-19 and community safety and precautions.

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk reviewed the current advisory with proposed updates and edits. This discussion included travel events, outdoor and indoor gatherings, testing, ventilation, personal hygiene and healthcare, measures of wellbeing, and masking among the main topics.

Also discussed were the policies in place in surrounding towns. In order to have a clear Mandate the Board of Health would have to develop a regulation, which is best done in a public hearing. Options we have are either A Public Health Advisory or a Directive or a Mandate. A Directive is more of a stronger language than Advisory. Board member Ruby Chang and Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk talked in detail about the different forms of testing, and what to expect with a positive test.

Restaurant guidance and signage was also discussed.

Comments and suggestions from audience were heard and taken into consideration.

The amended advisory is effective as of December 14th, 2021.

Peter Stanton: Motion to vote on amended advisory

Ruby Chang: Second

Michael Lanoue: In agreement

(Roll Call Vote) 3-0

C. BOARD OF HEALTH QUESTIONS/ UPDATES:

Health Agent Rebecca Jurczyk discussed the at home Covid -19 Test kits, and that Great Barrington will be issued 1107 testing kits. The tentative plan is to distribute to low income and subsidized housing communities within Great Barrington. Will be meeting with other towns to compare distribution plans.

D. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

K. MEDIA QUESTIONS: None

K. ADJOURNMENT: 8:46 PM

Peter Stanton: Motion to Adjourn

Ruby Chang: Second

Michael Lanoue: In agreement

(Roll Call Vote) 3-0

Respectfully submitted:



Ned Saviski
Health Inspector