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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING GREAT BARRINGTON SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON Thursday, February 1, 2018 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Michael Lanoue
Peter Stanton
Ruby Chang

Health Agent, Locke Larkin
Health Agent, Rebecca Jurczyk

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 2, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes –**Not Approved**

- b. December 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Peter Stanton motioned to approve the December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Second: Ruby Chang

Vote: 3-0

- c. January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes –**Not approved**

C. BUSINESS

- a. **Public Health Nurse, Elizabeth Maschmeyer- Public Health Alliance Update.**

Laura Kittross of the Public Health Alliance introduced the new public health nurse, Elizabeth Maschmeyer. Elizabeth will be addressing all disease reports in Great Barrington. Ms. Kittross briefly summarized the common disease outbreaks in Great Barrington in the past year. Ms. Kittross said 2017 Fall Flu Clinic attendance had increased from the previous year. The Public Health Alliance will continue to offer the "Get Cuffed Program." Ms. Kittross said that combating Tick Borne Illnesses is a primary concern of public health officials in Berkshire County. Ms. Kittross said the Alliance is considering teaming up with the Zoology Department at UMass Amherst who provides a tick testing service. This collaboration would result in more tick and related disease data for the Department of Zoology and reduced testing costs for those Public Health Alliance member towns. Ms. Kittross said there could be an option for Alliance Towns to opt out of this tick testing program if the Board of Health decided they did not want to promote testing. Kittross said that Berkshire County has some of the highest rates of confirmed tick related diseases in the State of Massachusetts.

- b. **Review of 232 Stockbridge Rd. Rental Units #1, 2, 3, 4, Minimum Standards of Sanitation Requirements.**

The Great Barrington contracted Health Agent, Jeffrey C. Kennedy briefed the Board on the status of the rental units at 232 Stockbridge Rd. After the December 7, 2017 meeting the Board of Health voted to rescind the condemnation order on all four units and issue a correction order with a timeline to complete all violations by the final inspection from the Board of Health. As of January 17, 2018, the third and final inspection, the property owners had not complied with the Order to Correct. However, Mr. Kennedy did not suggest pursuing the violation to higher courts

because the units still remain unoccupied. It would be in the interest of the Board of Health to issue the Sano's a formal notification that the units are not to be rented until all violations have been abated and a final passing inspection from the Board of Health Agent.

Motion: Peter Stanton moves to authorize the Agent or Chair to draft a letter of Non-Compliance to the 232 Property Owners, Mr. and Mrs. Sano stating that the rental units shall remain unoccupied until all violations have been abated and the Board of Health conducts a final pre-rental inspection

Second: Ruby Chang

Vote: 3-0

c. Review of the Local Nail Salon Regulations.

Health Agent, Rebecca Jurczyk suggested that the Board re-visit the Nail Salon regulations that were passed in 2007. Ms. Jurczyk said that our regulations have been historically loosely enforced and that our two Nail Salons in Town may have a time lag of getting into compliance with our regulations as they are now. Ms. Jurczyk suggested some areas of improvement such as adding in more detailed description of what proper sanitizing methods would be for utensils and employees and requiring a certified Heating and Ventilation specialist to submit an assessment of the building to ensure that ventilation requirements are met. Dr. Ruby Chang said we also need to be concerned about employee health as well as protecting the health of the patrons. Dr. Chang said that the City of Boston has a comprehensive set of regulations for nail salons and that we should work off those regs. Dr. Chang said that hitting the basics of the Boston regulations is important so we can better protect the health and safety of the folks that work in the salons and also the people that go there. Ms. Jurczyk said the Health Department would work towards drafting simple additions to our current Nail Salon Regulations.

d. Polypropylene use Discussion.

Health Agent Locke Larkin said the business that is currently using the polypropylene to-go containers are not agreeable to changing the material unless there is a town law that explicitly states they cannot use this type of plastic. The Board said they would like to pursue amending the current polystyrene bylaw to include the restriction of polypropylene.

e. 38 Christian Hill Road, progress report and update.

At the December 7, 2017 meeting the Board of Health voted to issue a Condemnation Order to the owner of 38 Christian Hill Rd but not to take effect for 30 days after receipt of the Order by the occupant. The occupant, Mr. Wisdom Ellerby received the Condemnation Order on December 22nd so the Condemnation of the rental unit took effect on January 22nd. On January 23, 2018 Agents of the Board, Ms. Jurczyk and Mr. Kennedy inspected the dwelling to ensure that compliance with the Order had been met. Ms. Jurczyk said that Mr. Ellerby and his son were still living at 38 Christian Hill Rd. Mr. Ellerby was instructed to vacate the premises as he was now in violation of a Board of Health Condemnation Order.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES

a. Health Agent Report

b. FY19 Budget Discussion

Ms. Jurczyk briefly reviewed the changes to the contracted services budget line. The annual contract for the public health nurse is increasing \$55.00 in FY19. The Health Department will begin paying a percentage of the cost for the Full Circle online permitting program in FY19. The contracted services line includes payment for the Williamstown contract with Jeff Kennedy and beach testing for Lake Mansfield and the Green River.

E. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME

Ruby Chang asked if we have law prohibiting idling. Ms. Jurczyk said the Town might have regulations against idling but the Health Department does not.

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Ed Abrahams, Dresser Ave asked if the regulating of AirBnB units would fall under the Board of Health jurisdiction. Michael Lanoue said that regulating AirBnB units is enforceable by the Health Department under the Housing Code. Mr. Lanoue said that it has been difficult in the past to find the time and resources to inspect all temporary rentals.

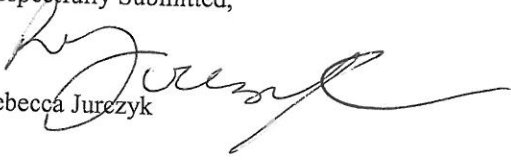
G. MEDIA TIME

H. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Ruby Chang with a unanimous vote the Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Jurezyk

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jurezyk', written over the printed name.