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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
334 MAIN ST., GREAT BARRINGTON, MA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 6:30 P.M

PRESENT
Michael Lanoue, Chair
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair
Ruby Chang, MD

Health Agents Locke Larkin and Rebecca Jurczyk

A. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting
MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to approve the March 8 Regular Meeting Minutes.
SECOND: Ruby Chang
VOTE: 3-0

C. BUSINESS

a. **SP-879-18: Special Permit Extension Application,** 546 South Main Street, Great Barrington.
MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to pass onto the Planning Board without comment.
SECOND: Ruby Chang
VOTE: 3-0

b. **Solid Waste Hauler Regulations:** (discussion).
The Board passed over this agenda item and will continue the discussion at the next Board of Health meeting.

c. **Marijuana Placeholder Regulations** (discussion).
Rebecca Jurczyk explained that these potential regulations will ensure that the Board of Health has some authority over any Marijuana Retail Facility in the Town of Great Barrington. Michael Lanoue clarified that these placeholder regulations were developed by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) for Local Boards of Health who are in this in between phase of reviewing retail license applications for marijuana dispensaries. The Board asked to have it placed on the next meeting agenda to continue the discussion.

d. **GB on Tap**; Presentation of the proposed Bylaw for the May 2018 Town Meeting Warrant which would ban the sale of single use, non-flavored, non-sparkling water bottles.
Wendy Kleinman, a representative of the GB on Tab Environmental Group gave a brief update on the drinking water fountain project and Town Meeting Article for the proposed bylaw. Wendy Kleinman asked for the support of the Board of Health in moving forward with their ban of the sale of single use, non-flavored, non- sparkling water bottles.

Ruby Chang asked if in the towns or cities that have passed similar bottle bans if there has been any assessments of sugar drink consumption. Ms. Chang said she was concerned that if one cannot reach for a water bottle they would chose an unhealthy or soda drink instead. Ms. Kleinman said there are examples of universities, towns, cities, and some countries that they intend to follow in implementation practices. Ms. Kleinman said that single use bottle bans seem to work the best when an alternative water source replaces the plastic bottle.
MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to endorse the spirit of the project.
SECOND: Ruby Chang
VOTE: 3-0

e. **Fermentation Festival Vendor Permitting** (discussion/vote).
Rebecca Jurczyk explained that the Fermentation Festival vendor permits have been lumped in with the seasonal Farmer's Market Permit. Ms. Jurczyk said that ordinarily events are permitted individually and asked if the Board had voted to permit the two events this way. Michael Lanoue said that he doesn't think it was specifically voted on but likely happened for the sake of convenience. Michael Lanoue asked if there was an alternate permit option for those vendors who do more than one Great Barrington event. Ms. Jurczyk said vendors could apply for an annual catering license which costs $75.00. The Board agreed that all temporary events should be permitted individually or a vendor should apply for a catering license if participating in more than one event annually.
MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to permit all temporary food events individually except for the Farmer's Market and Winter Holiday Markets which will fall under one license.
SECOND: Ruby Chang
VOTE: 3-0

f. **163 North Plain Road Well Decommissioning** – Anthony Murtaugh, Action Environmental seeking a permit fee adjustment for the decommissioning of nine monitoring wells.
Ms. Jurczyk explained that in 2008-09 there was an oil spill and the monitoring wells were mandated by EPA to keep track of any contamination of the soil or ground water. Action Environmental submitted a request for a fee variance on behalf of the property owner Beverly Johnson. Ms. Jurczyk said that ordinarily a single well decommission permit fee is $75.00. Dr. Ruby Chang suggested charging for the two larger monitoring wells and waiving the cost for the smaller 7 wells.
MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to approve a Well Decommissioning fee adjustment for the nine monitoring wells at 163 N. Plain Rd., a total cost of $150.00
SECOND: Ruby Chang
VOTE: 3-0

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES

a. Health Agent Report
Agent, Locke Larkin completed the required training to become an FDA approved Food Inspector. This accreditation approves Mr. Larkin as a food inspection educator.

E. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME

The Board said they would like to review the Health Department's fee schedule in the next few months, before the 2019 renewal process begins.

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

Mike Parsons of Granger, Kelly, and Parsons and Korey Leonard of Mount Everett Sanitation seeking Board of Health approval on the septic installation at 138 Seekonk Cross Rd. Mike Parsons said that the original Percolation Test was done in November, 2017. When Mount Everett when to install the new system a week prior the water table was higher where it was observed last fall. Mr. Parsons said water was observed at about 75inches where the proposed septic tank was going to be installed. Michael Lanoue asked what would have caused this changed in the last few months. Mike Parsons said it could have to do with the time of year, the property was Perc'd at a drier time and we have had a wet spring. Mike said observation holes were dug to about 200ft and there was no evidence of a water table. Mr. Parsons suggested replaced the originally proposed tank with two low boy tanks each with a 1,200 gallon capacity. Mr. Parson said that this still would not meet the Title V code because it would be 70 gallons per day short of the required flow rate.
MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to approve the local upgrade for 138 Seekonk Cross Road.
SECOND: Ruby Chang
VOTE: 3-0

G. MEDIA TIME

H. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Ruby Chang with a unanimous vote the Board of Health adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Jurczyk
Great Barrington Board of Health Agent.