



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION CONFERENCE ROOM 37 STATE ROAD

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

6:30PM

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Michael Lanoue
Dr. Ruby Chang
Peter Stanton

Health Agents:

Rebecca Jurczyk & Locke Larkin

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to approve the meeting minutes.

SECOND: Ruby Chang

VOTE: 3-0

C. BUSINESS

a. Public Hearing

To review and promulgate for the Town of Great Barrington, Solid Waste Hauler Licensing and Operating Regulations.

-Citizen Speak in Favor or Opposition to the Proposed Regulations.

Ms. Jurczyk reviewed the changes made to the draft since the last public hearing. The question of how the new regulations are to be enforced was raised by the waste haulers in attendance. Ms. Jurczyk said that the common practice is for Health Agents to respond to complaints regarding potential violations rather than continuous inspection of the Waste Hauler Practices. Ms. Jurczyk continued to say that the Health Department will conduct annual inspections during the license renewal process and if the trucks are complaint with the regulations the Health Department will assume waste hauler business practices adhere to local regulations.

-Motion to Close or Continue the Public Hearing

MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to close the Solid Waste Hauler Public Hearing.

SECOND: Ruby Chang

VOTE: 3-0

-Board of Health Speak Time

-Motion to Approve or Amend the Regulations.

MOTION: Peter Stanton motioned to approve the Solid Waste Hauler Regulations with the changes, to go into effect August 1, 2018.

SECOND: Ruby Chang

VOTE: 3-0

b. FY19 Contract Renewals (Discussion/ Vote)

-Public Health Nursing:

Ms. Jurczyk said the FY19 nursing contract had a 1% increase in cost from the FY18 contract fee, a total of \$55.00. Dr. Ruby Chang asked for a report from the Public Health Alliance on the services the Public Health Nurse provides as part of the annual contract. Peter Stanton said the Health Department Staff along with the Board members should take the next year to review the details of the Public Health Nursing contract in order to make an informed decision prior to signing the contract for the next fiscal year. Michael Lanoue suggested that the Health Department staff get more information from the Public Health Alliance, specifically regarding disease reporting and follow up, and the responsibilities of the public health nurse. Dr. Chang would like follow up from the Public Health Alliance on what they have accomplished in Great Barrington.

-M.O.U Williamstown Health Agent:

Ms. Jurczyk informed the Board that the contract with the Williamstown Health Agent expired at the end of FY18, June 30, 2018. The Board did not vote to renew the contract for FY19.

D. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES

a. Health Agent Report

E. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME

Ms. Jurczyk said that a potential topic for the August meeting agenda will be a presentation from the organizers of the Berkshire Grown Harvest Supper. Ms. Jurczyk said that the organizers are likely to request a fee adjustment for the permit fees as they have done in the years prior. Ms. Jurczyk said that the Board, for at least the last two years, granted a fee adjustment of \$200.00 for a total of 20-25 vendors for the Annual Berkshire Grown Harvest Supper. Ms. Jurczyk said that it would be beneficial for the Health Department to have a clear policy on how to permit and charge not for profit temporary food events. Ms. Jurczyk continued that the Board should a. define what a non-profit event and b. develop a permitting policy for all temporary food events that includes the rate for non-profit events. Michael Lanoue said that he is inclined to not complicate matters and charge non-profits the same as any other temporary event. Locke Larkin suggested speaking with other nearby Health Departments to gain a better understanding of how Great Barrington should organize a non-profit permitting policy. Mr. Larkin said that if the Board of Health continues to adjust the fees for certain events, essentially the tax payers are subsidizing not for profit events. Peter Stanton agreed that this is something the Selectboard should determine. The Board of Health instructed Ms. Jurczyk to organize a written policy for temporary food events to adhere to during the permitting procedures. Ms. Jurczyk said she would research what other Boards of Health do and get back to the Board with a draft policy.

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

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