



## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES GREAT BARRINGTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 334 MAIN STREET WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 6:30PM

#### PRESENT:

Dr. Ruby Chang  
Michael Lanoue  
Peter Stanton

Rebecca Jurczyk, Health Agent

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:40PM

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 12, 2018 Regular Meeting (Discussion/ Vote)

**MOTION:** Peter Stanton motioned to approve the July meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Ruby Chang

**VOTE:** 3-0

#### C. SPECIAL PERMIT REVIEW

**SP # 881-18:** Great Barrington Real Estate LLC, c/o Nicholas Arienti, Hellman Shearn and Arienti LLP, to modify existing Special Permit 538-96, at 300 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 C(11), 6.1.9, 7.12, and 10.4 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw. Modification is requested in order to allow retail use of an area at the rear (east side) of the building that is currently designated for parking. (Discussion/ Vote)

**MOTION:** Peter Stanton moved to pass application #881-18 on to the Selectboard without comment or recommendation.

**SECOND:** Ruby Chang

**VOTE:** 3-0

#### D. BUSINESS

##### 1. Review of Nail Salon Regulations.

Ms. Jurczyk said the draft as presented is heavily modeled after the Boston Public Health Commission's Nail Salon Regulations. Ms. Jurczyk said there is a lot more information in this draft however little has changed. Ms. Jurczyk said ventilation will refer to the International Building and Mechanical code and businesses would be required to submit a sign off from the electrical inspector and or building department that the ventilation system meets the code requirements. Ms. Jurczyk said that she would like to see some sections of the new regulations, like the ventilation requirements, be phased in for businesses. For example, salons will have 3-5 years to meet the requirements.

Ruby Chang suggested adding "between each customer" to section IV(2) Nail Technicians must wash hands thoroughly. Dr. Chang suggested asking Fairview Hospital for instructions on how to properly use and maintain an autoclave machine. Dr. Chang said that autoclaving or dry heat sanitizing is the best method for killing bacteria as opposed to using a bleach solution for

sanitizing instruments. Peter Stanton said getting these regulations on the books and the existing nail salons into compliance with the regulations is an important public health issue. Mr. Stanton said this should be a top priority.

2. Review of Temporary Food Permit Policy (Discussion/ Vote)

Health Agent, Rebecca presented the draft of the Temporary Food Permit Policy to the Board of Health. Ms. Jurczyk explained that this policy is a compilation of practices that have either been approved or are already in practice. Ms. Jurczyk said that she understood from the July meeting that the Board's intention was to keep the permitting process simple for both Health Department Staff and Event Organizers. Ed Abrahams requested that the Board of Health waive the required fee of \$25.00 for each participant of the Berkshire Grown event for this year only. Mr. Abrahams argued that this is an unexpected cost for Berkshire Grown, a non-profit that plans a year in advance for all expenditures. Barbara Zheutlin said that the annual Harvest Dinner is the largest and most profitable fundraiser of the year for Berkshire Grown. Ms. Zheutlin said that when they do the Spring Dinner at Cranwell Resort, the Tri-Town Health Department does not charge any fees. Barbara Zheutlin said that charging late fees is also a new and unexpected requirement for the permitting process this year. Michael Lanoue said that late fees were always something that the Board of Health and Health Department had the authority to charge but the Board has decided to formalize it as part of the entire policy. Mr. Lanoue said that the late fees are not reactionary to any particular event or vendor but when applications are submitted at the last minute it requires more work for Health Department staff. Mr. Lanoue said the intention is to make the process easier on the Health Department staff as well as discourage applicants from repeatedly submitting items right before an event. Mr. Lanoue said this makes it a smoother process for everyone.

**MOTION:** Peter Stanton moved to accept and approve the Temporary Food Permit Policy with the proposed changes to take effect immediately, September 5, 2018.

**SECOND:** Michael Lanoue

**VOTE: 3-0**

Michael Lanoue said that he would like to make accommodate this event and Berkshire Grown knowing that next year they will be required to pay the full \$25.00 per vendor fee. Ruby Chang said that it is the responsibility of the Board of Health to be open and up front about the fees and the potential for late fees. Ms. Chang said, in this circumstance the Board has not done a good job of that and she would be in favor of granting Berkshire Grown a variance for the license fees. Ms. Jurczyk said that it would be proactive for the Board/ Health Department to consider adding in another bracket in the fee schedule that specifically outlines the cost for the non-profit temporary food event fees, even if it is no different than the regular temporary event fee. Ruby Chang said that we do want to work with non- profits and encourage these types of events in Great Barrington. Ms. Jurczyk suggested writing a letter to notify Construct, another non-profit of that typically seeks a fee adjustment, of the changes to the permitting policy.

**MOTION:** Peter Stanton moved to approve a 50% cost reduction in the fee amount for the 2018 Berkshire Grown Harvest Supper.

**SECOND:** Ruby Chang

**VOTE: 3-0**

3. Review of the permit and inspectional fee schedule set forth by the Board of Health September, 2016.

The Board tabled this agenda topic to a future meeting.

**E. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

1. Health Agent Report
2. Flu Clinics

Ms. Jurczyk said the flu clinic has not been finalized but she is working with the Public Health Alliance. Ms. Jurczyk said there will be three flu clinics hosted by the Public Health Alliance: one at the Town Hall, one at the Housatonic Community Center on Main Street, and the third at the Claire Teague Senior Center. Dr. Chang said that the nasal spray vaccination is available this season however; it is not as effective as the shot. Dr. Chang said the first option should always be the shot. Dr. Chang said that the ideal time to get the flu vaccination is in late August to the end of September, prior to the flu season.

**F. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME**

Ms. Jurczyk said there are three major events coming up in September; the Fermentation Festival, Berkshire Grown's Harvest Supper, and the Mahaiwe Gala.

Ms. Jurczyk said that it has been brought to the attention of the Health Department that the Board of Health may want to consider adopting regulations against feeding wildlife. Ms. Jurczyk said there have been concerns regarding residents feeding wildlife which may pose public health concerns as well safety risks. Ms. Jurczyk said the City of Northampton passed an ordinance against feeding wildlife and the Health Department is one of the enforcing agents. Michael Lanoue said this conversation should begin with more entities than just the Board of Health, for example; the Animal Control Officer, Police Department, and Selectboard. Dr. Chang said they should review the ordinance passed in Northampton prior to moving forward.

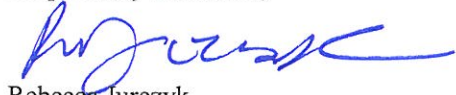
**G. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME**

**H. MEDIA TIME**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Dr. Ruby Chang, with a unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk  
Great Barrington, Board of Health