

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN
CLAUDIA RYAN
FREDERICK CONFORTI

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of the October 4, 2012 Meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **CONTINUATION OF TOBACCO PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Environmental tobacco Smoking Regulations: Mark noted that Town Council reviewed the regulations and made changes which were incorporated from the last meeting. Mark advised that Section G – Page: 4 – “Any Employer” has been changed to “Any person” and the fine amounts were changed per the discussion at the last meeting.

MOTION: Ryan to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

SECOND: Dr. Conforti

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to adopt the Environmental Smoking Regulations dated November 8, 2012.

SECOND: Dr. Conforti

VOTE: 3-0

3. **JIM WILUSZ/TRI-TOWN HEALTH:**

A. Request for support on a Community Innovation Challenge Grant for an online Tobacco Clerk Training Program Grant Application: Mr. Wilusz was present to ask the board’s support on a collaborative grant that they are trying to write. He said in FY 2007 Great Barrington signed on to require all clerks to be certified to sell tobacco products. A retailer certification program was created which Tri-Town still teaches. He explained that after taking the class and getting a passing grade, clerks would be certified for three years. In the first 3 years the classes were free and year 4 a nominal fee was requested to be paid by the retail establishment. He noted that 5 years later we are up to almost 2,000 clerks certified. Mr. Wilusz said the grant provides an opportunity to look at converting the program to web based. A software engineer would be hired to create the online training enabling the stores to log in, sign up, do their demographics and take the class. There would be interactive training with a fee. The proposal is due November 30, 2012 and requires the Chairman of the Board of Health’s signature for the grant and also on a letter of support. It was noted there would be no cost to the community.

4. **COMMUNITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE GRANT:**

A. Request for support/Berkshire County Sharps Program: Mark said this is a community innovation challenge grant that Berkshire Regional Planning is submitting. This is a county sharps collection program where we are looking to collect sharps in North, Central and South County. The most we would be looking at would be selling the containers either at the collector's office or hospital. The board would turn the money over from the sale of the containers. We are asking for start up funding to buy containers and sell the containers. Mark asked the Chairman of the board to sign the grant proposal. The Town Manager signed it already.

5. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

A copy of the October 2012 report is attached to these minutes.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Conflict of Interest Forms for Board Members – signed by each Board member.
- B. 2013 Renewal Application Packets – the 2013 renewals are being processed.
- C. Board of Health Coop Plan – It has been updated. The Police Department and the emergency manager each have a copy. The Emergency Manager is Chief Walsh.
- D. FY14 Budget/Board of Health – Mark said he received the budget packet on November 1, 2012 and he will bring a final draft to the next meeting. He said the only thing he can see an increase in is the public health nurse contract.
- E. 2012 Beach Reporting – The report has been completed and sent to the State. There was one closure in June which was the Green River probably due to the excessive rain.
- F. 2012 Barn Inspections – 26 Barn Inspections were done and the book has been sent to the State.
- G. Polystyrene #6 – Mark said it has come to his attention that any container with a number 6 on it is polystyrene. Mark advised that the packaging for uncooked meat, fish and poultry are exempt from the bylaw. It was noted that the bylaw was written in 1990 and it doesn't specify firm polystyrene since it did not exist. After discussion, it was decided to put the subject on the agenda for next month.
- H. Flu clinic – the tentative date is November 19th at the Schools – open to the public and free. The date has not been confirmed yet.
- I. Tobacco Regulations – Mark said he would do public outreach through the website and Board of Selectmen and something will be sent out to the media list from the Town Manager's office. The regulation requires that signs be installed in the parks and town properties. We have money left from the public health nursing contract that will be used to purchase signs and the Town Manager has offered additional funds if needed. The DPW will install the signs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann,
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