

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013
7:30 P.M.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of January 3, 2013

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **SPECIAL PERMITS:**

A. Special Permit Application submitted by Jan Wojcik and Ruby Chang to build a carport within the front yard setback at 1 Roger Road, Great Barrington, MA (Recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals). Mr. Wojcik was present to explain the special permit. He noted he wants to put in a driveway with a 10'x20' concrete pad for a carport within the front yard setback. The house is on Town water and sewer.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to forward a favorable recommendation to the ZBA.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

B. Special Permit Application #806-13 submitted by Verizon New England to expand the parking area in the Water Quality Protection District at 9 School Street, Great Barrington, MA (Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen). Representatives from Verizon were present to explain the project. It was noted that they want to add 7 parking spots to the central office and 2 concrete pads, one 10' x 20' for a shed and one for a dumpster.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

3. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

The Board reviewed the Health Agent Report for the month of January 2013. Mark noted that the water termination issue on 640 S. Egremont Road is with the Egremont Water Company. The owner of the house is Eric Broderick. Mark spoke to the water company and they have voted to terminate the water. A letter was sent to the homeowner stating that if the water is turned off, he risks a condemnation order from the Board. The letter was returned in the mail because of no mail receptacle. A copy of the letter was given to the Police Department to hand deliver.

Mark said they keep finding rabbit meat for sale in stores with no indication of a USDA Stamp or licensed facility. Mark advised he contacted the local health inspector in the town where they operate in in Vermont. He noted he also called the state inspector and spoke with the meat inspector. The person that inspects the facility was finally contacted and he said they are state licensed and inspected and are o.k. to sell in Vermont.

The Hong Kong Buffet left food in the basement and it wasn't known until there was a serious rodent problem which has been addressed.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Tobacco Signage – Mark showed the board the signs that will be put in the various parks and cemeteries noting that smoking is prohibited. The cost of the signs was paid with money saved as a result of changing the nursing contract.

B. EDS Drill – Mark advised that a drill was run for the Emergency Dispensing Site and the response time was 20 minutes for access to the school.

C. 1097 Main Street – Ongoing Waterline Issue – Mr. Hobart's house was condemned back in 2009 because of a leak in the service line to the house. Mr. Mercer of the Housatonic Water Company received no response from Mr. Hobart in regard to repairing the line. A letter was sent by the Board of Health dated 12/29/09 advising Mr. Hobart to come up with a plan of action. He never repaired the line. The Board advised Mark to go forward with scheduling a hearing at housing court. Mr. Hobart gave Mark a letter saying he would not live there until a potable water source had been met. Mark said he was notified recently that he was back living there so he asked the Police Department to monitor the house at night and they have been e-mailing him noting there are cars there and lights on all night and into the morning. The e-mails note the same three cars and people. Mark asked the Town Manager to check with Town Counsel as to what the next step should be. Mark will report back at the next meeting.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Medical Marijuana – considerations packet for Board of Health Review. Mark said that Towns are being asked to consider it for a zoning perspective. The Department of Public Health has asked cities and towns to give input if they have any. He said if we need to do anything in the future, he will advise the board.

B. 2013 Pool Inspections – Mark said he inspected the Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn and Berkshire Meadows pools. Comfort Inn's pool is shut down because the chemicals were off. The Holiday Inn was shut down but they reopened their pool today. Their spa is still shut down. Berkshire Meadows pool was fine. Mark advised that he will be doing Berkshire South and Simons Rock in a few weeks.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary