

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of February 7, 2013

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **VARIANCE REQUEST:**

A. 8 Kalliste Hill for the Addition of a Library and Study to an existing home septic System. Evan Hardcastle was present to explain the request. He noted that the variance is required because of the addition of a study on the first floor and a library on the second. Mark noted that the two additional rooms meet the definition of a bedroom. It was noted that the privacy doors have been removed from the plan. The existing septic was inspected and everything is working properly. The current septic is designed for a three bedroom. A title 5 was done and everything was fine. White Engineering noted in their report that the septic system is in working order. A soil sample was taken just in case later on if the system was to fail that there is adequate space and soils for an upgrade.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to grant the variance with the condition that if the system fails it gets upgraded and or if the property is sold that before the sale goes through; the system gets upgraded to a five bedroom system.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany

VOTE: 2-0

3. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark submitted the Health Agent Report for the month of February to the Board. A copy is attached to these minutes.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Pool Inspections – Mark advised that all the indoor pool inspections are complete. The Holiday Inn has to be inspected again. The pool had to be closed because the chemicals were off, etc. Currently the pool is being drained and the lines are being repainted. Mark said he asked them for a written plan on how they are going to address the issues that keep coming up which is not closing the pool when the chemicals are not right. They are not testing four times a day.

B. 1097 Main Street Housatonic – ongoing water line issue - Mark advised that Town Counsel has the file on this. The owner appears to be living there. The police have documented activity there all hours of the night. An agreement was signed by the owner in court saying he agreed not to live there until potable water was available. His attorney and engineer intend to submit a well application for our next meeting which has been done before. Mark

noted that if he doesn't receive something in the next couple of weeks, then it is going back to court.

C. Food Truck Bylaw – Mark said the Board of Selectmen asked him to draft a bylaw. He noted it is 7 pages long. The Board of Selectmen is going to review it at their meeting on March 13, 2013. The Town Manager has the draft now. It was noted that it will not change the food code.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mullin Rule – Discussion/Vote – It was noted that this allows board members to miss one session of an adjudicatory hearing and not be disqualified from participating from voting on the matter so long as that member certifies with the Town Clerk that they have listened to the recording of the missed session and reviewed all evidence.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to seek approval for the Mullin Rule.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

Mark noted that the Mullin Rule will be on the Town Meeting Warrant.

B. 17 Kirk Street Condemnation Order – Mark advised it is a two family house with a hoarder situation. He noted the family has been helping them clean it out. They did not appeal the condemnation order. They are going to call him when the house is clean so he can re-inspect.

C. 24 Water Termination Notices/Great Barrington Fire District -Mark advised that he usually receives 2 or 3 notices from the Fire District 2 or 3 times a year. This time rather than calling everyone, a letter was sent out. He noted they have all been paid and water was restored.

D. Holiday Inn Pool/Pool Inspections – They received the closure letter and it was not appealed.

E. Pool and Camp Application Packages – Mark noted he moved the mail date up two weeks this year because he wanted them returned earlier so they could be processed. The indoor pools have expired on the same day the applications are due in the past.

F. CIC Grants Update – Mark said the Board of Health and the Town of Great Barrington was involved in three grant applications through the Community Innovation Challenge Grant Program through the Department of Public Health. He noted that we supported three of them, and two were funded. The Public Health Nursing Funding for year two for the Alliance came in at \$54,840. We also received the grant for the tobacco awareness program so employers can have their employees take the test on line. The grant is for \$25,000 to draft a program to put it on line. The Tobacco Awareness program is going to pay someone to do it and put it live. Our clerks will have access to it. Mark advised we did not receive the grant for the sharps program. There is a meeting scheduled with the Berkshire Regional Planning, Berkshire County Boards of Health and Fairview Hospital to try to put a kiosk somewhere in South County and find alternative plans.

Mark advised that the Berkshire County Boards of Health Spring Dinner is scheduled for April 22, 2013.

Dr. Majdalany advised that he was contacted by Dr. Conforti who stated that he is not going to be on the Board of Health at the end of his term. He gave him notice so he could try to find someone interested. Dr. Majdalany said he called Michael Lanoue and he said he would be interested.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary