

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN
CLAUDIA RYAN

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. **Minutes of the February 2, 2012 Meeting.**

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. **James J. Wilusz, Director of Public Health for Tri-Town Board of Health**

Mr. Wilusz updated the Board on emerging tobacco related products and the Tobacco Awareness Program. He noted that they were just awarded another 7 years of funding for the tobacco program. The program serves 12 communities. Mr. Wilusz advised that since the Town of Great Barrington adopted the smoking regulations, 50 trainings have been held. After the presentation, Mr. Wilusz said he will work with Mark and the Board of Health on updating the current tobacco regulations. He noted that some communities are looking to ban tobacco sales in pharmacies. (Mr. Wilusz's presentation is available at the Board of Health office.)

B. **24 Locust Hill/Hope Fitzgerald to discuss renovations/septic system.** Mr. Chris Lee was present representing Ms. Fitzgerald. He advised that the house was torn down in 2008 and rebuilt with a new 2000 gallon tank with the same septic field since it was working fine. The original variance request was to finish a dwelling unit above the garage and add a bedroom to the existing septic system. The variance was denied. He advised he is returning with a modified plan to eliminate the dwelling unit idea and create an office space. Mark said when the system was installed in 1994 it was put in as a 3 bedroom 330 gallon system which is 110 gallons per day per bedroom. The field has three (3) 42 to 45 foot trenches. Mark noted that they came to the building inspector with a 4 bedroom plan. Mark advised that if a perc is done, it would show that if the current system failed there would be a location for a new compliant field. The approval to the building department would be conditional on a passing perc. Mark advised he would forward a letter to the building inspector.

3. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark presented his report to the Board. He advised that the indoor pool inspections are done.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Tobacco Fines – status update – Mark advised there were two tobacco fines that the board approved back in February. Both clerks have paid and have taken the recertification classes. The files will be closed out.

B. Food Inspector – Locke should be back by May. Mark said he has done 60 food inspections since January 1 so when Locke returns he won't be behind schedule.

C. Chokesaver/Installer classes – update. Mark noted during inspections, he has found missing chokesaver, servesafe or allergen awareness training certification. The information was resent to all the establishments with contacts for all classes. If they are missing something, they are given 30 days to get up-to-date.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Community Co-op Farms – order. Mark said that they have a licensed home kitchen on Pope Street for breads, jams and jellies. It is a group of 3 or 4 young guys who lease land or borrow land and basically run a food cooperative. They also do produce. Mark advised that during his food inspections, he found applesauce being produced which can't be done in a home kitchen. They were also selling wholesale and they are only license for retail. A cease and desist order was issued to remove their products from store shelves and the store owners have agreed not to put the products on their shelves anymore. Mark said he thinks the situation has been resolved.

The next meeting of the Board of Health has been changed from May 3, 2012 to May 10, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary