

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011
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 September 1, 2011 Meeting.**

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **AGENT REPORT:**

Mark advised that both Happy Nails and Lucky Nails were inspected because of a complaint he received. Sanitizing procedures were reviewed. Everyone working there was licensed and has gone through training.

The water tests for Green River and Lake Mansfield are fine. There were no closures. Every test came back fine. Labor Day weekend was the last testing date.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Berkshire Public Health Alliance Update.** Mark noted that he attends the meeting in Pittsfield every other Thursday. He said that the Governing Board is being formed now. Every Town will be represented by two members on the Governing Board which will consist of one voting member and one alternate member. The Board of Health needs to appoint a voting member. The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation for the alternate member. Ms. Ryan volunteered to be the alternate member.

The due date for submitting the grant application is around November 18.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to appoint Mark as the voting member of the Governing Board.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

B. **CHOKE SAVING CLASSES:**

Mark said he is continuing to work on having choke saving classes in Great Barrington. He said he spoke to Fairview about classes. Also Berkshire County Boards of Health is willing to assist. Mark advised that one of the organizations will be having some fall classes soon. A class was held in Westfield and approximately 10-12 people from Great Barrington attended.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. BCBOHA Dinner Meeting and Election. Mark said this will be at the Berkshire Hills Country Club in Pittsfield.

B. MAHB Governance Program. Mark said this is related to the Alliance Grant also. This is training for Board of Health members. The next one is Saturday October 22, 2011 in Northampton. Mark said he was asked by the district health officer to pass this on to the Board because if we do receive the grant, this will become a requirement for all Board members. The requirement will be to go to the initial training, not necessarily every year. It is an overview of Board of Health rules and regulations and what the requirements are. They split it up into sections – legal authority, an environmental segment, septic and food segment, housing, etc. Mark said if it becomes a requirement he would advise the board.

C. FYI – Appeal of the Building Inspector’s denial of a sign permit for Cumberland Farms, 140 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA. Mark said the clerk for the ZBA asked him to pass this on to the Board. No recommendation is required.

Mark reminded the Board members about taking the ethics test. Dr. Majdalany and Ms. Ryan advised that they completed the test. Mark said he would contact Dr. Conforti about the status of his.


The Board of Selectmen and Board of Health received an anonymous letter noting standing water, mold and mosquitoes at the Beech Tree Commons, 24 Silver Street. Mark advised that he can’t react to this anonymous complaint because he would need permission to enter the property. Kevin O’Donnell, Town Manager, sent a letter to the property manager of Beech Tree Commons advising of the anonymous complaint received by mail. The manager was advised to contact the Board of Health in regard to the matter.

Claudia advised that she can’t attend the meeting on December 1st. The Board agreed to change it to December 8th. The November meeting will remain on November 3rd.

Mr. Sean Stanton was present and noted that he send a memo to all the boards about attending a meeting on the Town Charter. He said he didn’t receive a response and it was determined that maybe the memo wasn’t received. It is recommended that it be reviewed every 10 years and Great Barrington’s has not been reviewed for at least 20 years. He said he is going to schedule a meeting at the beginning of November and will send out a second memo.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary