

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011
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 November 3, 2011 Meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **AGENT REPORT:**

Mark advised that there are three establishments that need to be inspected before the end of the year. He noted some places have been inspected as many as five times. \$13,861.00 in fees was turned over to the Town Treasurer for the month of November. There are approximately 30 outstanding renewal applications that have not been returned yet. Mark advised that 3 reminder e-mails and a late letter were sent out.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Berkshire Public Health Alliance – Update Mark advised that there is nothing new. The grant application was submitted on time. They are just waiting to see if the grant application was accepted. He noted he would report back at the next meeting.

B. Choke saving Classes – A class is scheduled for December 12, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fairview Hospital. A second class will be held when enough interest is received.

C. VNA Contract Review/FY 13 Quote – Mark advised that the current FY 12 VNA Contract is \$4,995.00. The quote for FY13 was increased by almost \$2,000. It was noted for the past three years, the VNA has been trying to stay below the \$5,000 procurement threshold. Mark advised that they were granted less Grant in Aid money because there were so many applicants.

D. Tobacco Fines – Follow-up Mark noted that last month there were two tobacco fines – one to Gorham Norton and one to Getty Mart. The clerk at Gorham & Norton was issued a ticket and paid the fine. This file is being closed.
Tri-Town – Tobacco Awareness Program has been attempting to get the name of the clerk at Getty Mart who sold the tobacco product to an under aged individual but they won't give out the name. Mark recommended fining the store and not the clerk.

The store would be fined \$250.00 for the violation. The board said to contact them one more time and if they do not respond then write up the fine for the store.

E. FY13 Budget – Final. Mark said the only thing that has changed from the draft last month is the VNA line item that was increased to \$6,393.00. A new copy was distributed – final draft.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. 2011 Beach Reporting – The reports have been sent into the State per their request. It was noted that there were no high counts at Lake Mansfield or the Green River.

B. Housing Cases – 179 Main Street/133 Front Street/218 South Street – Mark advised that 179 Main Street and 133 Front Street are Tenant Landlord disputes/ egress issues. 218 South Street is a hoarding issue brought to his attention by neighborhood complaints.

C. Flu Clinic Results – There was a flu clinic after the last meeting. 145 residents attended.

Kevin O'Donnell said that at a Selectmen's meeting in January, Senator Ben Downing and Representative Smitty Pigantelli will be attending to discuss legislative issues. He noted he would like to put together a list of 3 or 4 items which can include the funding of clinics if the Board of Health would like.

Mark advised that a well permit was submitted today for John Hobart at 1097 Main Street, Housatonic. He advised that Housatonic Water had shut off his water. Mark said he went to court with him because he refused to reconnect to water service. The second time the judge asked what he (Mark) wanted. Mark noted that he advised the judge that he wanted to be sure Mr. Hobart did not reside in the home. Mr. Hobart's attorney put it in writing saying he would not live there. Mark advised he was happy with that. Mr. Hobart's engineer came in with a well application. Mark noted that there is nothing in the well regulations that says you have to hook into town water. There is only wording in the septic regulations that you have to connect to public sewer if it is available. Mr. Hobart would have to file for a variance because he does not meet the set back by approximately a foot. Mr. Hobart advised him that it is an emergency and he needs water and wants a special meeting. Dr. Majdalany noted that the Board is not holding a special meeting. This will be included on the January agenda. Mr. Stark and Mr. Hobart had shared a line but Mr. Hobart refused to pay for the short piece of line to connect. Mr. Stark paid to be connected. The Board will discuss it at the January meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary

