

**GREAT BARRINGTON  
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
TOWN HALL  
334 MAIN STREET, SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**CLAUDIA RYAN, CHAIR  
MICHAEL LANOUE, VICE CHAIR  
PETER STANTON, MEMBER  
JAYNE SMITH – HEALTH AGENT**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Minutes of December 3, 2015**

**MOTION:** Michael Lanoue to approve.  
**SECOND:** Peter Stanton  
**VOTE:** 3-0 (Claudia Stepped down as Chair) PASSED

**3. RECOMMENDING BOARD ITEMS**

**A. Application of CDC of South Berkshire** for Comprehensive Permit to the Zoning Board of Appeals to develop an 8-acre mixed-use housing and commercial site at 100 Bridge Street, Great Barrington. Larry Boudreau, Engineer, from Chazen Companies was present to explain the project. He explained that the Comprehensive Permit process can be used for affordable housing projects. There is proposed to be 81 units of housing on this project, with 45 to be considered affordable. 28 units are market rate condos, mixed income and retail. Two acres out of the eight acres will be open space. The property will be on town water and sewer.

**MOTION:** Michael Lanoue to pass on a favorable recommendation to the ZBA.  
**SECOND:** Peter Stanton  
**VOTE:** 3-0 (Claudia Stepped down as Chair) PASSED

**B. Application of Fairgrounds Realty LLC**, to modify Special Permit #831-14 granted to Fair Ground Community Redevelopment Project, Inc., 659 Main Street, Great Barrington, to correct the grantee's name and to include the mortgage holder and parties claiming through them as grantees under the permit, in accordance with Section 10.4 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw. Jayne noted that they are correct the name of the non-profit that the permit was issued to. In addition, they are asking to have the permit relevant to all interested parties. There is no change in the project.

**MOTION:** Michael Lanoue to pass on a favorable recommendation to the Select Board.  
**SECOND:** Peter Stanton  
**VOTE:** 3-0 (Claudia Stepped down as Chair) PASSED

**4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

**A. Request from the Great Barrington Senior Center** to conduct limited food prep at their facility located at 917 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA. Polly Mann from the Senior Center was present to explain the request. Currently the center serves 5 meals a week, Monday through

Friday. The meals are provided through Elder Services in Lanesboro. Polly explained that there are times when they would like to cook meals when Elder Services is closed down. She noted that there are times when seniors don't hear on the radio that Meals on Wheels is closed and still come expecting to have a meal. She said we would like to be able to make something for them. She explained that they also have people come to the Senior Center who are diabetic and have low blood sugar and need food. There have been cases where seniors are living alone, they have a touch of dementia, haven't eaten and they come to the center and you can tell they aren't feeling well. Jayne advised that they have a sink, a standard stove and refrigerator. At some point between now and July they will have a sanitizing dish washer. She noted the Senior Center wanted to prepare some low hazardous meal options.

**MOTION:** Michael Lanoue to approve the request to prepare non-potentially hazardous food under the advisement of the Health Agent.  
**SECOND:** Peter Stanton  
**VOTE:** 3-0 (Claudia Stepped down as Chair) PASSED

#### 5. HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Jayne advised there was one pizza business that did not have a hand sink that was able to comply. It was noted that the Chef Shop is advertising cooking lessons and they don't have a food permit. For the Senior Center to become a commercial kitchen they need to have a 3 bay sink. One for prep, one for hand wash and one for mop water. They would also have to get a hood with an Ansel system if they are using any grease. A copy of the Agent report is attached to these minutes.

Jayne said that there have been positive outcomes with the opioid meetings. There has been increased support for people who are struggling with opioid addiction. Also, there have been increased education efforts and collaboration with the hospital and Police Department. Also the state is working on updating the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program to search the systems in Connecticut and New York as well.

The Great Barrington Public Housing Authority has basically done everything they have been asked to do at Bernard Gibbons Drive. The evaluation is pending. They are working with the state to have someone actually do that. They have requested to attend a working meeting with the board members and themselves. The Housing Authority is planning on attending the February Board of Health meeting. Claudia noted she would be willing to attend a working meeting with the Housing Authority.

The reverse 911 has changed to Code Red which is an emergency notification system which can send messages via a phone call, text or email.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Preliminary review and comment on Great Barrington Youth Access to Tobacco Products and Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulations.

Jayne noted she would draft wording to revise the Youth Access and Environmental Tobacco Regulations to include increasing the minimum age of purchase to 21. The board also requested that a regulation stating the minimum distance someone smoking needs to be from an entrance should be looked at.

#### 7. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

9. **CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion of the ongoing litigation of Hobart v. Great Barrington Board of Health and not to Return to Open Session. – M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21#3).

**MOTION:** Michael Lanoue to go into executive session.

**SECOND:** Peter Stanton

**Roll Call Vote:**

Claudia Ryan Yes

Peter Stanton Yes

Michael Lanoue Yes

Motion Carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann  
Secretary