

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**334 MAIN STREET**  
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2, 2014**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN**

**CLAUDIA RYAN – NOT PRESENT**

**MICHAEL LANOUE**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of September 4, 2014

**MOTION:** Michael Lanoue to approve

**SECOND:** Ronald Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

**VOTE:** 2-0

**2. HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark advised there were 61 food inspections last month which included the 30 plus vendors inspected at the Berkshire Grown Harvest Supper that was held at Butternut on September 15, 2014. There were two Title 5 inspections done and 1 per cent test. Mark advised the water terminations were all resolved.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Online Lodging Regulation Discussion – update: Mark advised that Sandra Martin and he brought the Air B&B issue to the attention of the Berkshire Public Health Alliance which is the regional group of 22 Berkshire towns. We wanted to see if they were aware of the state's decision that these places need to be regulated and how they were dealing with it. We discussed our ideas on how to approach it. Mark said a lot of people at the meeting were hearing this for the first time. It was decided regardless of what other communities are doing it is important to the people renting to have smoke detectors and c-o detectors in place. Mark noted he would begin by sending a letter and brochure to the places serving food advising them that the state requires they be licensed and Great Barrington is regulating them. This will be done after the holidays and budget season. After that, the focus will be on the places just offering lodging.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Emergency Contacts for BCBOHA – Mark advised that he updates those annually and it was done again this year just in case there is an emergency and they need to reach us. They now have updated e-mail contact information.

B. 2014 Flu Clinics – Two clinics were held on October 1, 2014. The first one was at the Housatonic Community Center from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the second was at the Town Hall from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Over 100 people attended. A reverse 911 call was sent out advising of the clinics. There will be another one on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center and November 4<sup>th</sup> at the elections at the Great Barrington Fire Station. Fairview hospital is

organizing an additional clinic with the school district but there is no date set yet. Mark advised that as soon as a date is set a call will be put out. Simon's Rock will have one but it is just for Simon's Rock students.

C. FDA Tobacco violation – Cumberland Farms – Mark advised that the FDA is sending inspectors around to do their own compliance checks. A notification was received about a violation in our town but they did not say what the violation was. We don't need to take any action.

D. Mark advised that the Berkshire County Board of Health Fall Dinner is Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the Berkshire Hills Country Club on Benedict Road if anyone is interested in attending. Cheryl Sbarra, Senior Staff Attorney, at the Mass Department of Public Health will speak about legal issues for Boards of Health.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Wichmann". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carolyn Wichmann  
Secretary