

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2014
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN

CLAUDIA RYAN

MICHAEL LANOUE

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of October 2, 2014

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to approve

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

2. HEALTH AGENT REPORT:

Mark advised that there was lots of Title 5 activity, septic inspections, two Ebola conferences and some complaints. (A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2014 Flu Clinics – Mark advised the last clinic was on November 4, 2014 during the voting hours. There will be one at Berkshire Meadows for the staff and residents. There were flu clinics also at the Senior Center, Housatonic Community Center as well.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permit Renewals/Application for 2015 – Mark advised that the renewal applications have been packaged up and are starting to be returned. He noted there are folders for each category to put the applications in for processing.

B. FY 16 Budget Draft – Mark said the budget draft is usually presented at the December meeting. He noted it is not complete as he is waiting for a quote on the public nurse contact and beach testing amount for next year. Mark advised it would e-mailed to the board members.

C. Upcoming Transition Process at Health Department. – Jennifer Tabakin noted that the Berkshire Public Health Alliance has submitted a proposal to cover inspectional needs. She noted the rate is \$50.00 per hour to perform needed services in Great Barrington and they would bill quarterly. The travel costs from Pittsfield is \$25.00 per hour but they advised they would combine the travel costs with other south county towns to minimize those costs. It was noted that the advertisement for a new health agent needs to stipulate the need for training and certification. Four options were presented and the board after review decided on Option 1. (See attached)

MOTION: Claudia Ryan that the Board of Health appoints Mark Pruhenski as a special agent on a per diem basis until there is no further need.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Claudia to recommend Option 1 as presented by the Berkshire Public Health Alliance which is to hire the Alliance on an as needed basis until a health agent is hired or until the services are no longer needed.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

It was noted that Mark could assist in processing the 2015 permits on an as needed basis. Locke could be appointed as the Inspector of Animals. The Berkshire County Alliance will cover the septic issues.

Mark advised he was subpoenaed for a court case the week of November 10, 2014. He noted he would advise the board of the outcome.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Secretary