

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY APRIL 10, 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 March 6, 2014

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

2. SPECIAL PERMIT

A. Special Permit for WDM Properties, LLC, 37 Main Street, North Adams, MA to change the existing non-conforming use, contractor's yard, to a new nonconforming use, storage and warehouse located at 11 Crissey Road under Section 5.2 of the Town of Great Barrington Zoning bylaws. (Recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals). Craig Barnum and Dennis Egan were present to explain the request. It was noted that it is an approximate 15,000 sq. foot building at 11 Crissey Road zoned B-2. WDM has a parking agreement with Berkshire South. There is about 5,000 sq. feet of vacant space and this would be for interior storage for contractors and subcontractors which is part of the current nonconforming use. There are compliant restrooms inside and Cross Fit is currently located there.

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to pass on a favorable recommendation to the ZBA.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

3. BERKSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE:

Laura Kitross from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance presented highlights and updates for FY 14 on the public health nursing program which is in the 3rd year. She advised that they serve 7 towns now plus backup services to the City of Pittsfield. MAVEN services are being done in Adams and Williamstown. Flu clinics were done in Great Barrington and approximately 1,200 people were vaccinated in the county. She noted a variety of wellness programs have been done and new wellness programs are being sought for the towns. Laura advised that Hepatitis C is the most reported disease in Berkshire County this year. A list of Public Health Nursing Program new events/programs for FY15 was submitted. A lecture on Hepatitis C with Epidemiologist Dan Church is scheduled for May 22, 2014 in Great Barrington. Currently the BPHA has the right to view the MAVEN information in 22 towns. The aggregate MAVEN Disease Reports for Berkshire county Municipalities dated 10/1/13 to 3/20/14 was submitted along with the MAVEN report for Great Barrington for 2013. Education efforts are going out to

areas where there is a spike in Lyme disease. An integrated tick management program is being created for the recreational camps through a grant. There is a chronic disease self-management program to help people self-manage their chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension and arthritis/chronic pain. The submittal is attached to these minutes. Laura gave Mark the new contract for the Public Health Nursing program for FY15 that the Town Manager will have to sign.

4. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark advised that the inspections for the lodging establishments are almost complete. The Tobacco Retailer Trainings are available on line now so people can register and take the test at home or at their place of business. All the indoor pools have been inspected. The former Comfort Inn has to be re-inspected to address outstanding issues. The Title 5 activity is slow this time of year. The food inspections are ahead of schedule. (A copy of the Health Agent Report for March is attached to these minutes).

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Board of Health Web page/Fee Schedule – The Town Webpage will be updated soon to reflect the new fees and applications.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. FY15 Board of Health Budget – The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee voted on the budget and made no changes.

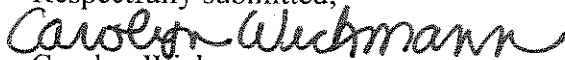
B. EDS Drill/Updates – Mark said he met with the Berkshire County Boards of Health on the 17th. We are required to do a drill every year and we continue to improve every year. We met our requirements from the state.

C. Locke went to a Food Inspector Training in Adams taught by Nancy Simons Ruderman. Locke noted that it was very beneficial.

D. Tobacco Clerk/Retailer Training – covered earlier in the meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be May 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Secretary