



## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES GREAT BARRINGTON SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON Thursday, April 6, 2017 6:30 P.M.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### A. Minutes of March 2, 2017 Meeting

**Motion:** Peter Stanton moved to approve the March 2, 2017 meeting minutes.

**Second:** Ruby Chang

**Vote:** 3-0

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

- Berkshire Public Health Alliance representative Laura Kittross.

Ms. Kittross briefed the Board on the services the contract with the Public Health Alliance provides. The role of the public health nurse is to; frequently run MAVEN reports and follow up with disease outbreaks, assist with flu clinics, and facilitate health classes or workshops for community members.

Michael Lanoue asked what the surrounding towns do as outreach for Lyme disease. Ms. Kittross suggested adding info onto the Town website, placing signage at trail heads, and a display leant to towns from the State called "bite lab" is circulating community centers and schools around the county. The Board was in agreement that appropriate signage at trailheads is a great initiative in preventing tick bites. Ms. Kittross said there is grant funding available for such initiatives.

Ms. Kittross is also the Director of the Berkshire County Boards of Health Association which provides support and education to local Boards of Health.

- Recommendation to the Selectboard on the application of Blackwater Realty Trust for a Special Permit for work in Zone II of the Water Quality Protection Overlay District, to construct a new commercial office and retail building with associated parking lot on a parcel on Maple Avenue, Great Barrington, identified as Parcel 41A on Assessor's Map 22, and located immediately east of the railroad tracks, in accordance with Sections 9.2 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. (discussion/vote)

Nick Anderson of Berkshire Engineering presented on behalf of Blackwater Realty Trust's application for a special permit. The property is served by town water and sewer services. Ruby Chang asked if there are going to be barriers set between the parcel and the railroad for parking. Mr. Anderson said there are tire stops in place and there is dense vegetation in between the parking area and the railroad tracks.

**Motion:** Peter Stanton moved to pass a favorable recommendation along to the Selectboard.

**Second:** Ruby Chang

**Vote:** 3-0

#### D. OLD BUSINESS

-Department updates.

Michael Lanoue informed the Board that the candidate that was offered the Health Agent position declined the position. The position is going to be reposted.

-Plastic Bag Bylaw discussion

The bylaw has been amended to include the Board of Health as an enforcing entity. The definition of thin film

single-use plastic bags has been amended to 'bags with a thickness of 4mils or less.'

**E. HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

Locke Larkin reported no recent dog bites. Mr. Larkin briefed the Board on the previous month's inspections and issued permits.

**F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME**

None

**G. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME**

**H. MEDIA TIME**

None

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Ruby Chang, with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

*Ruby Chang* May 4/2017