

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN
CLAUDIA RYAN, VICE CHAIR
MICHAEL LANOUE, MEMBER

JAYNE SMITH – HEALTH AGENT

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of April 3, 2015

MOTION: Michael Lanoue to approve.

SECOND: Ronald Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **APPLICATION FOR LOCAL UPGRADE APPROVAL:**

A. **John and Claudia Ryan, 684 South Egremont Road, Tax Map 30 Lot 58A** – Application for local upgrade approval for the onsite sewage disposal system designed for their “Cottage” property. Citing excessive cost, the application requests a reduction in the setback between the house foundation to the proposed pump chamber from 10’ to 6.5’. It also requests a reduction in separation between the soil absorption system and high groundwater from 4’ to 3’. Jack Magnotti from Kelly, Granger Parsons was present to explain the request. He advised the ground water reduction request is due to the excessive cost and to try to minimize the impact of the system and resource area. There is a perineal stream that runs adjacent to the property line and there are setbacks that they are trying to maintain. A variance is also being requested to be closer than 10’ to the foundation wall with the pump tank. The actual septic tank pump chamber is the one that is being proposed to be put in. He noted there are several trees that they would like to keep. This sits just outside the 50’ setback from the wetland area. This is going to minimize the impact there. The leaching bed is being replaced. The tank is staying. The 1,000 gallon tank has minimal use right now. Jayne noted it complies with Title 5 and as far as the setback the 50’ from the wetlands is consistent in protecting the wetland. She concurred that she would rather see it closer to the house from an environmental standpoint. Jayne noted that as far as the separation from ground water, this is consistent with the decision that was made last month.

MOTION: Michael Lanoue to approve.

SECOND: Ronald Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

3. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Jayne noted that the plastic bags that CVS is handing out are the only issue still outstanding. They were notified that the plastic bag did not meet the current bylaw. We haven’t seen that they are continuing to give them out. CVS said they felt it did comply with the bylaw. The bag is 2.25 mils instead of 2.5 mils. It is printed on the bags that they are reusable up to 125 times. The bylaws says thin-film single use plastic bags, typically with plastic handles, with a thickness of 2.5 mils or less and are intended for single use to transport purchased products. This has been referred to the Town Manager.

Jayne noted that Locke has been helping with pool inspections and dealing with animal inspector issues this month. Jayne advised that she and Locke have been going out once a week and doing food inspections. Out of 174 permits 117 inspections food inspections have been done so far for this year. Each business is inspected twice a year. Large amounts of temporary permits are now being submitted. Jayne advised she is creating a food application for people hosting events where there is food and mapping out sites so concerns are met. Jayne also noted she just took a 2 day housing seminar and still has quite a bit of work still to do before the certificate is issued. Housing inspections will be done with mentor inspectors. There will be a fall class in soil evaluation that she will be attending. Jayne noted that Thursday, May 14 there will be a Temporary Food Event Training that temporary vendors can attend. The Co-op Market is offering a Serve Safe class at a reduced rate on the 13th and about 10 people will be attending that.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. **FY 16 Board of Health Budget** – The budget detail Goals and Objectives was distributed to the Board which was originally produced by Mark Pruhenski.

B. **Proposed Summary of Food Operations** – Jayne noted that she the summary was given to the board last month. Jayne advised she would review it again, and e-mail it to the board for the next meeting to be discussed and voted on.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **FY 16 Berkshire Public Health Alliance Public Health Nursing Contract** – The Alliance provides all of the nursing and one of those is MAVEN which is a reporting system for communicable diseases. It is required by the state and it is important that it gets done in a timely and consistent manner. They have done fall prevention with our seniors, organized flu shots, etc. They have sent in a request again that we use them for the upcoming fiscal year. The invoice included in their contract is an invoice in the amount of \$1,217.75.

MOTION: Claudia Ryan that we hire Berkshire Public Health Alliance for FY 16.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

B. **Proposed Tobacco Regulations – Coalition for Responsible Retailing** - their goal is to keep tobacco out the youth's hands. Jayne noted these are model regulations but our regulations cover a lot of this. Jayne said she met with Jim Wilusz from the Tri-Town Health and he reviewed the goals and regulations that we currently have and the only thing that is changing in Berkshire County right now is if the region wants to increase the smoking age to 21. Jayne advised it is just for informational purposes only.

Respectfully submitted



Carolyn Wichmann, Secretary