

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY JUNE 5, 2014
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: **RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN**
CLAUDIA RYAN- ABSENT
MICHAEL LANOUE

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of May 1, 2014(Date Corrected)

MOTION: Michael Lanoue to approve

SECOND: Ronald Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. SPECIAL PERMIT

A. Special permit 383-14 for Housatonic Solar 1, LLC, 105 Tamara Circle, Avon, CT for a ground mounted solar photovoltaic facility at 49 Van Deusenville Road, Housatonic, MA per section 5.2 of the Zoning Bylaw. (Recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals). It was noted that the applicant forwarded an e-mail requesting that the special permit be continued until the July 3, 2014 meeting of the Board of Health.

B. Special Permit # 832-14 for Housatonic Solar 1, LLC, 105 Tamara Circle, Avon, CT for work in the floodplain at 0 Park Street (Map 7, Lot 30), Housatonic, MA in order to construct a solar array, in accordance with Sections 9.1 and 10.4 of the Great Barrington zoning Bylaw. (Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen) Kirt Mayland was present to explain the permit request. He advised that the property is south of Hazen Paper and the solar project would occupy approximately 14 acres of land. The property was a former landfill used by the paper mill which has been remediated. He advised it will be an above ground ballasted system weighted down with cement blocks. It is all above ground. Mr. Mayland also noted that they will have to go through the natural Heritage and part of the property will have a conservation restriction.

MOTION: Michael Lanoue to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

SECOND: Ronald Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

C. Special Permit #831-14 for Fairground Community Redevelopment Project, 659 Main Street, Great Barrington, for a community center use in a B-2 zone and associated floodplain activities, in accordance with Sections 3.1.4 B(6), 9.1 and 10.4 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaw. (Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen). Janet and Bart Elsbach were present to answer questions and explain the permit request. It was noted that the property is in the flood plain. It is on town sewer and water. Mr. Elsbach said that he would like to renovate the current

cow barn and make it usable pending on raising the funds. After discussion, it was determined there are no Board of Health issues.

MOTION: Michael Lanoue to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

SECOND: Ronald Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

3. **VARIANCE REQUEST:**

A. HACCP Plan for route 7 Grill – Raw Bar – Lester Blumenthal was present to explain his request. He presented his HACCP Plan to the board. It was noted that it needs to be laminated and posted in the raw bar area. The staff needs to be trained and the tags retained. Mark noted that the plan appears to be in good order.

MOTION: Michael Lanoue to grant the variance.

SECOND: Ronald Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

4. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

The May 2014 Health Agent report was reviewed by the board. (A copy is attached to these minutes). Mark advised there were some restaurant and retail complaints. There was a complaint of bee hives at the Prairie Whale. The hive is next to a doctor's office and patients were complaining that they are allergic. They use the honey in the restaurant. The end of June is the deadline for the restaurants to be inspected at least once within 6 months which are basically complete. All the farmer's market vendors were inspected last Saturday. Mark advised that there were a 4 Beaver trapping permits issued and quite a few title 5 inspections and perc tests done this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Tobacco 21 – Physicians in the eastern part of the state that have approached us to see if we have any interest in increasing the sale of tobacco sales from 18 to 21. They have about 16 - 20 towns in the eastern part of the state that have changed it. In Mass it is town by town. The local Boards of Health have authority to regulate tobacco sales. They have determined that 95% of smokers start before the age of 21. Mark noted it would require changing the regulations. It was decided to hold off for a few months.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Date for July Meeting – the next meeting of the Board of Health will be July 3, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary