



## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA GREAT BARRINGTON SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON Thursday, July 6, 2017 6:00 P.M.

#### PRESENT

Michael Lanoue, Chair  
Peter Stanton, Vice Chair  
Ruby Chang, MD

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes (discussion/vote)

**Motion:** Peter Stanton moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 1, 2017 Regular Meeting.

**Second:** Ruby Chang

**Vote:** 3-0

June 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes (discussion/ vote)

**Motion:** Peter Stanton moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 21, 2017 Special Meeting.

**Second:** Ruby Chang

**Vote:** 3-0

#### C. Tri-Town Health Department Update:

Jim Wilusz, Tobacco Program and Annual Report.

Jim Wilusz director of Tri-Town Health presented to the Board of Health. Tri-Town has received funding for 24 years to help address regional tobacco control within 12 municipalities. Mr. Wilusz said they continued with the regular Tobacco Retailer checks and sales inspections. County wide the tobacco sales to minors have significantly decreased since Tri-Town has started the retail inspections. The violations of tobacco sales to minors has also significantly decreased once the Board of Health required all retail clerks to take an online certification program before becoming authorized to sell tobacco in Great Barrington. Mr. Wilusz said that Great Barrington is advanced in terms of its tobacco policy. Great Barrington has done more than most surrounding towns in addressing tobacco sales to minors. Mass in Motion is another program that Tri-Town receives annual funding for to help facilitate healthy living in the region. Tri-Town has hired two part-time Mass in Motion coordinators to work with local farmers markets, the Be Well Berkshires coordinators, and local fitness initiative programs for municipalities. Mr. Wilusz discussed the possibility of amending the current Tobacco Sales Regulations with the Board. Mr. Wilusz said he would like to come back before the Board to discuss placing a limit or a "cap" on retail permits issued and the restriction of sales in health care establishments. Mr. Wilusz also encouraged the Board of Health to keep a close watch on the State regulation of marijuana. He said at this point it is still uncertain what role local municipalities will have in regulating recreational marijuana or medical marijuana sales.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Special Permit # 873-17** Kearsarge Solar, LLC, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA, application to the Planning Board for a special permit to construct a commercial scale ground mounted solar array in an R-4 zone, at 0 West Plain Road, Great Barrington (also identified as Assessor's Map 31, Lot 23C), in accordance with Sections 9.12 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.

**Motion:** Peter Stanton moved to pass the Special Permit to the Planning Board without comment.

**Second:** Ruby Chang  
**Vote:** 3-0

- B. **Special Permit #874-17** Gary W. and Darra W. Happ, 154 Castle Hill Avenue, Great Barrington, application to the Planning Board for a special permit to create a rear lot in the R1A zone at 154 Castle Hill Avenue, in accordance with Sections 4.3 and 10.4 of the Zoning Bylaw.  
**Motion:** Peter Stanton moved to pass the Special Permit to the Planning Board without comment.  
**Second:** Ruby Chang  
**Vote:** 3-0

**E. HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

Health Inspector, Locke Larkin briefed the Board of the inspections, permits, complaints, and events that occurred during the previous month. Ruby Chang asked how often the water at Lake Mansfield is tested for E. Coli. Ms. Jurczyk answered that the water is tested once a week by Housatonic Basin in Lee, MA from May to September.

**F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME**

None.

**G. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME**

Michael Lanoue said that he received an email from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance Coordinator, Jennifer Kimball asking if Great Barrington was going to renew its contract with the Alliance for the services of a public health nurse. The Board agreed that they will continue utilizing the services provided by the public health nurse and renew the contract.

**H. MEDIA TIME**

The Newsletter, Eileen Mooney asked the Board if there has been any follow up on the air quality issues with The Great Barrington Housing Authority. Rebecca Jurczyk responded that the Health Department has not received any follow up complaints regarding Benard Gibbons.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Ruby Chang, with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Jurczyk  
Great Barrington Board of Health