



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES GREAT BARRINGTON SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 334 MAIN STREET, GREAT BARRINGTON

Thursday, March 2, 2017 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Michael Lanoue
Peter Stanton
Ruby Chang
Health Inspector, Locke Larkin
Town Manager, Jennifer Tabakin

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael Lanoue called the meeting to order

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of February 2, 2017 Meeting
Peter Stanton moved to approve the February 2 meeting minutes.
Second: Ruby Chang **Vote: 3-0**

C. OLD BUSINESS

- A. MAVEN Quarterly Update, Berkshire Public Health Alliance.
The Board reviewed the data from the previous year and discussed how to take precautions with some of the diseases listed. Ms. Chang suggested publishing seasonal announcements to alert the community to take precautions. Ms. Chang asked for clarification on what the Board of Health's responsibility is to the Town when they receive information on outbreaks. Ms. Chang also suggested sending out an email with confirmed cases of high alert diseases. The Board agreed that this discussion should be continued.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Health Agent hire (discussion/vote).
Michael Lanoue and Ruby Chang both reported that the references they spoke with gave great recommendations to both candidates. Ms. Chang's choice for the position was Aaron Ceylan. She thought he would be able to effectively utilize the resources he has in Connecticut to quickly learn the job. She thought he would not need much training. Michael Lanoue said that Aaron followed up with him after the initial interview to say that his certifications in CT will likely transfer to MA. Peter Stanton said that he is more confident that Aaron could "hit the ground running" but that if JD were to take the position he would likely stay in the position longer. Mr. Stanton said that we would have to invest more in JD but he thought he will be more organized and good with people. The Town Manager weighed in, stating "Aaron might have less experience but the experience he does have is exactly relevant to the job."
Peter Stanton motioned to pursue Aaron Ceylan for the full time Health Agent position.
Second: Ruby Chang.
Vote: 3-0

Jennifer Tabakin recommended beginning a weekly meeting with herself, Locke Larkin, and Michael Lanoue in order to coordinate between the departments and the Board. Ms. Tabakin explained that these meetings will help the Department stay on top of tasks until the Health Agent is hired and up to speed.

Peter Stanton motioned to have Michael represent the Board in weekly department meetings with Jennifer and the Health Inspector.

Second: Ruby Chang.

Vote: 3-0

Jennifer Tabakin requested that the Board allow an increase in Rebecca Jurczyk's hours in the Health Department.

E. HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Locke reported that all pool inspections have been completed.

The last round of Farmer's Market inspections Mr. Larkin noticed that vendors are doing a great job implemented cough guards.

Rebecca Jurczyk said she would coordinate with Marie Ryan, Town Clerk to schedule a Rabies Clinic for later this month.

Mr. Larkin informed the Board that camp inspections will begin in the next few weeks.

Michael Lanoue asked for the Health Department to look into the reasons why we have or need a contract with BRPC.

Ms. Tabakin asked if the Board is responsible for inspecting medical marijuana clinics. Chairman Lanoue said that he would look into what the regulations will be and what role the local Boards of Health are to play.

Ms. Tabakin mentioned that she would like to "clean up" the plastic bag bylaw and add the Board of Health as an enforcing entity. The Town Manager also mentioned the need for consistency with the other Berkshire County bag bylaws.

F. CITIZEN SPEAK TIME

No citizens to speak.

G. BOARD OF HEALTH SPEAK TIME

Ruby Chang asked if there are town regulations for fluoride in the water supply. Jennifer Tabakin noted that the water companies in Town are privately owned and operated. The Department of Public Utilities at the State level has oversight of the water companies. Peter Stanton commented that most of Great Barrington's residents are outside of the Town's water supply and that fluoride for dental health will have to be addressed regardless. Mr. Stanton thought that Great Barrington had decided to not add Fluoride to the water supply.

H. MEDIA TIME

No one spoke on behalf of the media.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Stanton, seconded by Ruby Chang, with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Recording secretary, Rebecca M Jurczyk.

