

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION**  
**37 STATE ROAD**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT: RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN**  
**CLAUDIA RYAN**

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Ryan to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting.

**SECOND:** Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

**VOTE:** 2-0

2. **SPECIAL PERMIT:**

A. Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for Special Permit #786-10 submitted by Trevor Cobb to have a motor vehicle repair and motor vehicle sales facility at 955 South Main Street, Great Barrington, MA (Discussion/Vote). Mr. Nick Arienti was present from McCormick, Murtagh, and Marcus to explain the Special Permit. Mr. Cobb was also present. Mr. Arienti noted that the business will consist of repairing motorcycles and selling them on consignment as well as retail sales of merchandise. He advised there will be no site work or any work on the outside of the building, just cosmetic. Mr. Arienti noted that the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission have approved the proposal.

**MOTION:** Ms. Ryan to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

**SECOND:** Dr. Majdalany (stepped down as Chairman)

**VOTE:** 2-0

3. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark advised that there have been a high level of Title 5's and Perc Tests.

The 2011 permits for food and lodging are being issued.

The Holiday Market on November 20<sup>th</sup> was inspected and there was only one issue. Restaurant inspections are ahead of schedule.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **2011 Permit Renewals – Update:**

Mark advised that 122 of the 2011 food permits have been processed. There are still some applications that are missing information or are late. Mark advised that he will be sending out an e-mail to everyone who is late advising that their permit is going to expire and they will owe a late fee. Mark noted that he will advise the Board on the total late fees and who is outstanding at the next meeting.

B. FY12 Board of Health Budget:

Mark advised that there are no changes this year in the budget except for an increase in the Visiting Nurse Association services. The total Board of Health Budget is \$69,000. The Board of Health brings in between \$40,000 and \$50,000 annually.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mark advised there was a school Flu Clinic today from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Monument Valley Middle School. The clinic was open to students and the public. There will be a flu clinic in Sheffield but the date has not been determined yet.

B. 40 Egremont Plain Road/Septic upgrades.

Ms. Patricia Mullen was present representing her Mother's property at 40 Egremont Plain Road. Mark advised that a Title 5 was done by himself and Randy Leonard and a few issues were found. A septic system was found in the rear yard but the location of the kitchen plumbing and laundry room septic couldn't be found. Mark advised that the rear system is a newer tank but the system on the front side of the house is a metal tank that is ready to collapse. There is also an elevated ammonia level in the shallow point well which could be from fertilizer contamination. Mark advised the best and most cost effective method to bring the septic system into compliance is to replace the front metal tank with a new tank and add a pump to the rear leach field that is currently working correctly.

Ms. Mullen noted that she spoke with Berkshire Enviro Labs and contacted Culligan to determine a remedy to the ammonia problem in the well water. She said she was advised that it may not be effective in eliminating the ammonia. Mark noted to solve the problem; a deep well may need to be drilled. Ms. Mullen noted that the realtor suggested letting the buyer repair the well situation. Mark advised there is no urgency with the well as there is nobody living there at the moment.

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve the septic system repair based on a repair plan.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

Mark advised that the permit will be attached to the Title 5 making it a passing Title 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann  
Secretary