

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011
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 December 9, 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 #787-10 submitted by Broken Hill, Inc. for the construction and operation of a bed and breakfast on the third floor of the Southworth Building at 281 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA per 3.1.4., 7.16, 9.6 and 104.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. (Discussion/Vote) Mr. Gaetan Lachance was present to explain the Special Permit Application. He advised that the space is located above Lee Bank on Main Street. He noted there will be 1 apt. and 7 guest suites each one with dining and living space. He also advised an exterior elevator will be installed on the back of the building. Mr. Lachance said the space and the building will be sprinkled. A new window will be added on the Church Street side. He advised that the plan is to open in 2012.

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 noted that there have been fraudulent health inspectors contacting local restaurants advising that complaints have been received and they will be coming in for an inspection. Mark noted that he sent out a letter on the 4th advising of the scam. He noted that 446 food inspections were done last year.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. 2011 Permit Renewals – Update – Late Fees - The 2011 Permit renewals have been completed. \$550.00 in late fees has been collected.

B. FY 12 Board of Health Budget – VNA contract - A verbal quote of \$4,883.00 was submitted by the VNA for FY12. Mark advised that the contract fee is higher this year because there was no increase last year. Their original proposal was to bill separate for T.B. Cases which could potentially go over the \$5,000 bid requirement. They agreed to a contract amount of \$4,883 with a cap at \$5,000. Mark advised that the regionalization grant proposed by Ms. Martin will have a shared public health nurse which would save about \$5,000 in the budget. Ms. Martin may come to the next meeting to update the board.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Allergen Awareness Regulation – Phase 2 – February 1, 2011 – Mark advised that the first Phase was to put up a poster and add a statement on menus and menu boards regarding allergies. The second Phase requires that the owner/manager receive/complete an online certification.

B. School and Public Flu Clinic Results – The final attendance was 135. Mark advised there was money left from the H1N1 flu grant so additional clinics were done.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary