

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**334 MAIN STREET**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 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 June 16, 2011 meeting.

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

**VOTE:** 2-0

2. **SPECIAL PERMITS:**

A. Recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals on the Special Permit Application for Pittsfield Cellular Telephone D/B/A Verizon Wireless to modify the 2005 Special Permit to replace existing telecommunications antennas on top of Fairview Hospital, 29 Lewis Avenue with new units. (Discussion/Vote) Ms. Ellen w. Freyman with Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, Counsellors at Law, was present to explain the Special Permit Application. She explained the facility consists of three (3) sectors of (4) four antenna panels located on the rooftop of Fairview Hospital. She noted that they will be upgrading the antenna panels by replacing the twelve antenna panels with new antenna panels of similar size, shape and design. No changes will be made to the building or the stealth paneling.

**MOTION:** Ms. Ryan to pass on a favorable recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

**VOTE:** 2-0

B. Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for Special Permit #790-11 Fanol Ramadani, 183 Main Street Winsted Connecticut to operate a restaurant at 325 Stockbridge Road, Bldg. 2, Great Barrington in accordance with 3.1.4 c(20) and 10.4 of the Great Barrington Zoning Bylaws (Discussion/Vote)

Mr. Nicholas Arienti, of McCormick, Murtagh and Marcus was present to explain the application. He noted that the restaurant is proposed to be "Take out Italian". There will be no changes to the exterior of the building and limited work inside. Mark advised he has no issues with the floor plan.

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

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

**VOTE:** 2-0

3. **RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

A. **Berkshire Public Health Alliance Draft Agreement dated 6.7.11:** Mark advised that this is the final draft of the agreement for the regionalization grant. He advised Kopleman and Paige has reviewed the agreement and made changes. The Board of Health needs to send a letter of recommendation to the Board of Selectmen in support of the agreement. The Selectmen would then sign the agreement. This agreement would be presented by the Board of Health and Berkshire Regional Planning to the Selectmen in August. The Selectmen have to sign it by September 12. He noted that we have the option to back out of the agreement at any time. Mark suggested making the approval conditional on a final draft having no substantial changes.

**MOTION:** Ms. Ryan that we approve the draft dated 6.7.11 and any similar draft that Town Counsel approves and that it be passed on to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

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

**VOTE:** 2-0

4. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Dr. Majdalany questioned the potential septic failure complaint from a neighbor in regard to 135 Hurlburt Road. Mark noted that this was from Nick Sotis who claimed the white house septic system failed and the contaminated water was going across the street. Mark noted he inspected the system with the permission of the owner and there were no issues. Mr. Sotis filed a complaint with the Mass DEP and Mass DPH against him. Mark said he would be meeting with the state inspector next week to review the plans.

Mark advised the water tests taken from the Green River and Lake Mansfield have been excellent. He also noted that two pools and one camp have not been permitted yet.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **9 Meadow Street – Hours/update:** Mark advised that the Building Inspector sent an order to the property owner to secure the property and remove the unsafe structures. He advised that if the owner is not cooperative, the Town will fix the structure, board it up and put a lien on it. The back stairs need to be removed and the connection from the house to the garage needs to be removed.

B. **Tobacco Fines – update:** All fines have been paid. The individuals have completed their suspension period and signed up for the next available Tobacco Retail Training class.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Tri-Town community Transformation Grant:** The Tri-Town Health Department has asked the Town of Great Barrington to support the grant. This is basically a wellness program, now called the Community Transformation Grant. Tri-Town will work with local restaurants on reducing portion size, salt use, etc. No action needs to be taken at this point.

**MOTION:** Ms. Ryan that we follow-up on the grant.

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

**VOTE:** 2-0

B. Temporary/Special Event Food Training Update: Mark said he sent out e-mails to food service permit holders in regard to training for temporary food events. He said nobody signed up so it was cancelled.

Mark supplied the Board members with an upcoming Board of Health Orientation class for board members to be held Monday July 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Berkshire Regional Planning on Fenn Street, Pittsfield, MA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Secretary