

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2014
7:30 P.M.

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of February 6, 2014

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

2. Chris Horton of the Berkshire Mosquito Control Project gave a presentation on Mosquito control. He advised that they currently are contracted with 8 towns in the Berkshires. They do surveillance, larval control (bacillus), source reduction, waste management (clean ditches, etc.) public education, adult control and research, treatment of catch basins with BTI larvicide and efficacy (trap cans). He noted it is funded by the Commonwealth of Mass through the "unrestricted state aid" budget line and the fee is based on the town population and real estate and area. You can request to be put on the no spray list if you do not want your property sprayed. Maintenance of drainage infrastructure and I.D. of problem areas are coordinated with the Health Departments, Conservation Commission and DPW. After the presentation Mark advised he would be in contact with Chris and he will bring it to the next meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Public Hearing as posted/advertised to amend the Great Barrington Board of Health Fee Schedule.

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to open the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to approve the recommended fees dated January 29, 2014.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION: Claudia Ryan to close the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

SECOND: Michael Lanoue

VOTE: 3-0

4. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark reviewed the Health Agent Report for February 2014. (A copy is attached to these minutes). Mark advised that he met with the MSPCA in regard to the beef cattle without water on North Plain Road. The owner installed a water heater and it was noted that they are well fed. Also the Beaver issue on 54 Hurlburt – the property was flooding.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Plastic Bag Bylaw Update – Mark advised the bylaw went into effect on March 1, 2014. Only one complaint was received by e-mail.

B. DOR Tax List - Mark advised he has been working with the DOR to get an accurate list of merchants in town for the local option rooms and meals tax.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Camp Eisner – Notice of Sediment Disposal from Dredging Project – Mark advised the pond in front of Camp Eisner is planned to be dredged. It is being overseen by Berkshire Engineering and DEP. The issue is the stockpiling of materials on the site.

B. 2014 Pool/Camp Renewals – the 2014 Pool/Camp applications for renewal have been mailed for indoor pools.

C. BOH/Health Department Webpage discussion and updates – Mark said the Town Manager requested that each department review their website to be sure it is current. After review, it was noted that there are no changes to be made to the Board page. Staff will review the Health Department page.

Mark asked Ron Majdalany to sign a letter to our representatives in support of a bill to have manufacturers of sharps take them back. The bill is currently stuck in the public health committee. The letter is urging them to get it out of committee and to go to the floor for a vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann

Secretary