

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2009 6:30pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Robert Audet, John Degnan and Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent.
Meeting called to Order at 6:40 p.m.

MINUTES – May 4th (2-0-1) and May 11th 2009 (3-0) minutes approved.

AGENT’S REPORT:

Administration: Continuing to receive updates from DPH on H1N1. Western Mass. Public Health Title 5 Seminar. Reviewing accounting, recycling stickers, organizing office.

Inspections, Testing, & Plan reviews: No percs, 2 pending plan reviews, 9 installation inspections, and 1 Certificate of Compliance.

Follow-up & Enforcement: Trash & nuisance: Anonymous complaint regarding elderly resident who cannot manage household trash. The Board instructed that volunteers may obtain a one-time permit to bring a large amount of trash to the Recycling Center on behalf of the couple and in the future, they must comply with the Recycling rules and regulations. Housing: 340 New Boston Rd. – open inspection case regarding rodent infestation, discussions with Chairman Cocalis and Paul Halfmann, DPH. Interdepartmental reviews: 2 pending, meeting with owner 7-9 Long Ave. 3 others. Food Emergency: Truck accident on I-84, (rollover with damaged food product from Fernando’s Bakery of NJ). Ron inspected at accident scene. Worked with Ron and DPH regarding the embargo, segregation, dispersal and disposal plan of the food product. Ron spent two hours above and beyond his regular inspection schedule for the initial inspection of the accident scene at 5am. It took another two days to work on this interstate food accident. The Department of Public Health, (Priscilla Neves, Kim Foley, Scott Allen, & Steve Rice) were very helpful to our office. Ron shall provide an invoice for use of the Board of Health special circumstances Revolving Account

Misc: Recycling Center/Landfill: Annual Engineering Report obtained from CME. Burgess School Recycling Day, May 27th, 2009; Recycling annual materials report is due.

OTHER INSPECTORS:

Animal Inspector – Ms. Debra Gardiner appeared to discuss her role and responsibilities as requested by the Board of Health. Ms. Gardiner submitted a list of the number of animals in town.

The Board members asked, “How do we know that inspections are being done?” to which Ms. Gardiner responded that she leaves a printed note. Ms. Cocalis stated that her animal was not inspected and she also knows that Mr. Curboy’s animals were not inspected. Ms. Gardiner stated that those were the two sites that she did not get to inspect.

Ms. Gardiner also stated that she gets the reports regarding rabies and that Ron Komar was never approved by the State as the assistant animal inspector last year. The Board was not aware of that Mr. Komar was not appointed.

Alyssa asked that all rabies reports be immediately forwarded to the Board of Health office as it is a mandated requirement of the State. Ms. Cocalis will follow-up with these questions with Mike Cahill of the State DPH.

The Board voted 3 – 0 to postpone the appointment of Animal Inspector until more information is obtained.

Plumbing Inspector: Mr. John Sohenuick provided his report and corresponding invoice in the amount \$975.00. The Board will review the different documentation processes, Quicken and Excel, with Lynne, Board administrative assistant.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:

Further inquiries of Town recycling will be put into abeyance until there is more time available to address the issue. Ms. Cocalis will follow up with Greg Morse, DPW Director, about the sludge management issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pioneer Brewing/Hyland Orchard. Ron has reported that they would like to have a hot dog machine and that they have installed a commercial dishwasher. They are under review by DEP for their Underground Injection Control and Drinking water well issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. John Degnan will meet with Alyssa sometime in June to review the emergency management and planning tools he has available.
- Alyssa and John will go to the “Reverse 911” training session at the Safety Complex.
- Zaza Ink is requesting to be on the next agenda, so Alyssa will prepare the after-action report for the Board’s review.

Voted to adjourn at 8:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 6/1/09 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

A. Rusiecki, Agent