

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2009 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Robert Audet, John Degnan and Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent.
Meeting called to Order at 6:58 p.m.

MINUTES – 5/18 minutes - Approved, 3 - 0.

Chairman Cocalis wanted to report on the successful Burgess School Day at the Recycling Center; she will speak with the principal about a food waste composting program.

Ms. Cocalis also wrote a letter on behalf of the Board allowing tires and other waste to be deposited at the Town Recycling center on May 30th for cleanup of a town riverfront property by volunteers.

AGENT’S REPORT:

Administration: Continuing to receive updates from DPH on H1N1. Attended the seminar on the local “Reverse 911” telephone system that is presented by the Worcester County Sheriff’s Department. Routine office duties.

Inspections, Testing, & Plan reviews: Percs: 97 McGilpin Rd. (new), 100 So. Shore Rd., (upgrade); 4 pending plan reviews, 4 installation inspections, and 1 Certificate of Compliance at 288 Cedar Rd. Alyssa had two meetings with McClure Engineering regarding the proposed tight tank at Pioneer Brewery. The plan will be formally submitted shortly.

Other: American Motor Lodge did not open due to deficiencies at other departments; new food establishments/lodging, OSV Bake shop, OSV Lodging, Stop & Save shall be known as “Sam’s,” inquiries regarding public bathing beach and pool testing. Tattoo Festival after action report, attached and see below.

Follow-up & Enforcement: Trash & nuisance: 10 Maple St and 215 Shepard Rd letters sent for trash violations; inspected OSV Motor Lodge for student interns, 3 Interdepartmental reviews. No action yet regarding the disposal of the food product that was in the trucking accident on I-84 (Fernando’s Bakery).

Misc: The Board must prepare for the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen; Alyssa has instructed CME to submit the Engineering Report to the State; the Recycling annual materials report is due, Alyssa will work with Lynne and John to get the data.

OTHER INSPECTORS:

Food/Accommodations Inspector – Ron Woolhouse appeared to and presented his report; items of note included a questionable wholesaling situation by BT Smokehouse at Pioneer Brewing. The product in question was found to be re-labeled and NOT produced by BT Smokehouse. They cannot re-sell at Pioneer, only at their own facilities in Brimfield and Sturbridge. The following facilities are being watched for critical violations and/or complaints: Outdoor World & OSV (no violations found during re-inspection), and Rovezzi’s and Romaldo’s. The Board received a complaint about Romaldo’s but no infractions to the Code were found upon inspection. The Yogi Bear campground is putting in a 911 telephone line at one of their pools.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:

Ms. Cocalis suggests that one sticker be sent to each household in one of the regular town mailings, additional stickers will have a charge of \$15 each. The Board voted to accept this concept:

Approved 3- 0.

The Board will also be look at a “pay-as-you-throw” program. Mr. Creamer will work with Alyssa on the Town Hall Recycling program. Ms. Cocalis will work with Lynne to get the financial data needed for the meeting with the Selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No update has been received on the Animal Inspector issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payment for Emergency inspections by Food/Accommodations Inspector, Town of Sturbridge Financial Director, Barbara Berry, would not pay the invoice for Ron Woolhouse for \$60, to appear at 5 am at a trucking accident on I-84 in which there was food product involved. Evidently, although it was intended to have covered such accidents/illnesses/complaints (anything that is not a required routine bi-annual inspection), the new Board of Health revolving account does not have the correct language. The Board will work on amending the language for the next special meeting but there is no mechanism to pay this invoice now, according to Barbara. The Board is concerned that there will not be adequate coverage for public health safety if there is no way to pay for the inspector’s time.
- Tattoo-After-Action report, (see attached). Some of the items the Board discussed included but were not limited to: changing the regulations to ensure better compliance with piercing and skin disease education courses; the Board also discussed fees for the promoter and requirements to have the promoter be responsible for more of the data and check collection. Any money that comes to the Board will have to be in the format of bank treasurer’s check or postal money order. They will have to provide one autoclave for every 30 artists and also provide the spore testing report on the equipment in advance. Contracts shall be provided with red bag waste companies and sharps collection companies. Every artist shall have a sharps container and separate red bag waste can. The promoter shall be responsible for age-verification, medical history forms, and after-care instructions for every participant. The Board of Health would like to review these records. No weapons or substance vendors shall be allowed. A hand-wash station will be required in the room. The booths were too small for two vendors to be working at one time. The autoclaves shall not be placed in the kitchen/break room. (Report attached).
- New deadlines, fees and fines for public pools: All permits shall expire on December 31st; applications for renewals shall be mailed in December. All applications shall be required by June 1st or the fee shall be doubled, with the fine submitted into the revolving account. All pools shall be inspected by June 15th in order to manage the program. Bacterial Quality tests, as required by the State, shall be submitted to the office within 30 days of the opening date of the pool. Lynne will be asked to write a letter, and include the state requirements for pool bacteria testing, to all of the public pool operators.

Voted to adjourn at 9:55 pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 6/15/09 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent