

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2009 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet, John Degnan and Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent.
Meeting called to Order at 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES – Minutes of June 1, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

HEARING – 158 Lane 8, Mark Farrell represents the owners, request for a variance to place a new well less than 100 feet to their own existing septic system, (70 feet). Mr. Farrell explains that the existing well is under pond water at some times during the year and the new location will be moved upgradient. The Board recommends that the owners test their well water annually.
Approved 3 – 0.

HEARING – 195-199 Arnold Rd., Pioneer Brewing at Hyland Orchards, represented by engineer Christopher McClure. An attorney for Pioneer Brewing also attends. A 3,000 gallon tight tank is proposed to mitigate backwash of brewery waste into floor drains and to answer DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) enforcement action. The Board and Agent discuss construction standards for installation and maintenance. The installation must be tested on-site for water-tightness, either by standing water above the seam for 24hrs, or by vacuum test and that regular inspections must occur at least quarterly with reports delivered to the Board of Health. The Chairman asks, “How do we know if the tank is leaking?” Mr. McClure states that there will be a liner as well as a slotted screen test pipe placed in-between the tank and liner and that a moisture meter may be used. The Attorney states that the owner, Mr. Damon, would like to use the contents of the tank as irrigation. The Agent asks “At their Orchard, or elsewhere?” The Attorney stated at the Orchard. This is not an allowable use and should not be considered under this application. A future application through DEP may be considered for irrigation. At this time, all parties agree that the contents of the tank must be pumped by a licensed septage hauler and disposed in an appropriate wastewater treatment plant with records delivered to the Board of Health.

Plan of 3,000 gallon tight tank **Approved, 3 – 0**, with above conditions.

INSPECTOR’S REPORT – Plumbing – Mr. Sohenuick states that he, and his wife who does his bookkeeping, will meet with Lynne and the Town Treasurer to go over “balancing” the account. There is a question of how to move the \$10 town portion of the fee to another account. Mr. Sohenuick’s data balances with what he has done.

Mr. Sohenuick states that a number of “underground” inspections have been requested. The Board agrees that this should come under an “additional” inspection with a fee of \$40 as this category is already in place.

Approved 3 – 0.

AGENT’S REPORT – (Administration) The World Health Organization now regards the H1N1 outbreak as a “pandemic.” The Materials data diversion report for the Recycling Center/Landfill is under way. (Inspections, reviews, & testing) 3 septic reviews and OSV Bake Shop plan review for new food service. Requirements set forth for bathing beaches and pools. Two nuisance complaints. Case closed regarding food truck accident on I-84; food product disposed.

APPEARANCE - Zaza Ink, (Irene and Joe Peterson) appear to discuss the after-action report and conditions for next year’s “Tattoo Festival.” Joe states that the event was very successful and they were happy with the Board of Health’s interaction; he provides a national tattoo magazine that is quoted as saying, “What made this year so unique was that the people of Sturbridge unified

to make sure this gathering happened. Everybody from the Chamber of Commerce to the City Council and even the Health Department were on board and went out of their way to make this year's show successful!" The Peterson's state that they have a waiting list for next year and would like to know if the Board had any concerns. The Board and Agent, (with input from the Nursing Inspector and State Department of Public Health Inspectors) expressed the following concerns:

- No autoclaves in any kitchen area; all autoclaves must be manned; spore certificate required in advance.
- Hand-washing station required in event room.
- No weapons, substance vendors.
- No more than two artists per 90SF of clear space area.
- Concerns regarding piercers, dermal anchors.
- Attempt to get State skin disease course.
- Artists' checks that bounced will not be allowed back (2 artists). All payments (and registration data) shall be by money order or treasurer's checks and shall be received well in advance.

The Petersons' agree that they can meet these conditions and are looking forward to coming back to Sturbridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Animal Inspector issue is in abeyance and the Chairman will get back to the Agent.
- The Board needs to have updated job descriptions for its staff.
- Wellness Fairs have taken place without prior notice to the Board of Health; it might be nice to participate if time and staffing allows in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board business: Recycling Center finances; pay Items #1, (LaRoche Electric replace and move electrical line and panel at the pumping station, \$2,800) #3 (Brown Equipment, evaluate and repair baler motor, \$40 & \$475), and # 4 (Katz pump maintenance \$350 for one time maintenance or \$250 for two maintenance inspections). Encumber funds for Item #2 (\$4525 for stair replacement) first two bids not available, take third bid if available; could not complete this transaction this past year because funding was frozen. The Board discussed the Reserve Fund Transfer process.
- The Board discussed preparation for the meeting with the Board of Selectmen on July 13th. The discussion included: reviewing the numbers of the Recycling Center, can only "guess-timate" because there is no scale to weigh the MSW that goes in the landfill. Ms. Cocalis discusses the potential use of a bar-coder for stickers and usage and also asset management and materials diversion tracking.

Mr. Audet stated that he will be away for the next regular meeting of July 6th; the Board voted to allow Bob to participate by conference call if a vote or decision is needed.

Approved 3 -0.

Voted to adjourn at 10:30 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent

