

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, June 29, 2009 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, John Degnan and Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent. Meeting called to Order at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES – n/a

The Board members and Agent convene to discuss budget issues and end of year purchases. The following items were discussed: Board of Health and Recycling Center line items. The Board will request that Greg Morse, DPW Director, arrange for the purchase of the necessary fill required for daily cover material at the landfill. Encumbrances for the Recycling Center stair repair, bar coding equipment, and fees for data management for the 2008 materials diversion sheet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recycling Center “Cans for Deposit” protocol for Boy Scouts and other volunteer groups. The group wishing to collect the cans must apply at the Board of Health monthly. Parents who live in Sturbridge must obtain a Recycling Center sticker for their cars, those who do not live in Sturbridge may park outside the back gate to retrieve the cans. All volunteers must comply with the Recycling Center rules and regulations and instructions of Mr. John Booth, Recycling Center operator.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from Palmer Paving (c/o John Callaghan), land-owner on Breakneck Road, to conduct new percolation tests out of season. The Agent explained that this would require a regulation change, including hearings and publications. The Board and Agent recognize that it has been a significantly wet Spring season, but the regulations cannot be changed at this time; a compromise would be to conduct partial and preliminary testing on each lot, consisting of one deep hole and one percolation test each, with required witness fees paid. This data could be used in combination with the in-season testing if results comply with Title 5 passing criteria. Voted to allow preliminary and partial testing to be re-confirmed in season, with above conditions, 2 – 0.
- Mr. John Degnan stated that the Town needs to develop protocols for the distribution of vaccines in the event that partial shipments are supplied by either DPH (Department of Public Health) or CDC (Center for Disease Control) and must also be prepared to outlay significant funding in the event of a public health emergency such as a pandemic flu or other outbreak. John will continue working with Alyssa on Board of Health templates, including local MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) outreach.

Voted to adjourn at 5:55 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent

