

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, July 6, 2009 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, John Degnan and Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent. Meeting called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES — Minutes of June 15 and 29, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT — Food — Mr. Woolhouse states that he conducted follow-ups at OSV, Outdoor World, Romaldo's and Rovezzi's and all have corrected their previous violations. The Whistling Swan was given 24 hours to correct violations and they did. The Molly Bish ride had temporary Food booths. The OSV Café opened at the Tourist Information Center. There were four vendors at the Concerts on the Common on July 2nd. All other inspections were routine.

AGENT'S REPORT — (Administration): Upcoming training on Innovative and Alternative Septic Systems (1/2-day on July 14th). Next year we need to follow-up on potential recreational camps for children and main drains in public swimming pools to make sure all meet the State regulations.

Information was gathered on “Mercury Management” from DEP and MassRecycle. The Building Inspector was asked if he wouldn't mind if we placed a collection bucket in his office for thermostat collection. Information was disseminated at the MHOA luncheon, topic: Food Protection Program and nutritional labeling. (Inspections, Reviews & Enforcement): Upgrade perc tests were done at: 181 Shepard Rd., 2 Hillside, and 76 Stallion Hill Rd. Numerous nuisance complaints came in regarding trash. There was a complaint of an over-clogged grease trap at the Bedrock Plaza and Ron was asked to notify the owner, Dan Mats. It was reported back that it would be pumped.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS - Ms. Cocalis stated that she attended the “Merchants of Sturbridge meeting that was recently held in conjunction with Sturbridge Tourist Association. Initially, Ms. McKnitt stated that she had to “chase down the Board of Health” and that new requirements were being instituted. Ms. Cocalis was finally able to respond saying that the Board of Health hadn't made any changes and were working to protect public health. All requirements are in accordance with State regulation. Ms. Cocalis asked Ms. Rusiecki to prepare literature for the Chamber of Commerce as we had done in the past.

Mr. Degnan suggests that a Physician be enlisted for the Board of Health dispensing sites. Ms. Cocalis will ask her neighbor and also look at the Town Clerk's street listings. Mr. Degnan discusses the current situation of H1N1 (swine flu virus). The CDC is tracking the migration of the virus to the Southern hemisphere. The virus appears to attack average ages of 14 yo. The Board of Health will need to start planning vaccine dissemination to school children. We can either do it through the supply chain or through the school system, and we will coordinate plans with both the Police departments and School

departments. Mr. Degnan will follow-up. Mr. Degnan also supplied a copy of the report entitled “CDC Recommendations for State and Local Planning for a 2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza Program — July 8, 2009.”

CORRESPONDENCE — An anonymous copy of newspaper article on the health effects of “recycled rubber for children’s play areas and fields” was received. The Board does not have the resources or manpower to research such in depth health issues, but would welcome any volunteers, to help review such data.

MEETING - The joint meeting that was requested by the Board of Selectmen is coming up on July 13th. We will update the Board of Selectmen and to prioritize our goals, with H1N1 vaccinations for children and care-givers at the top of the list.

Voted to adjourn at 9:00 pm NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 7/9/09 @ 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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