

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2009 7:00 pm

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

MINUTES — Minutes of July 20, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

AGENT’S REPORT — (Administration): General office work required when Lynne is on vacation. The Agent will be reviewing the accounting for the office as well. (Inspections, Reviews & Enforcement): Perc tests and soil evaluations – 6 Champeaux Rd. upgrade. Plan reviews – 36-38 Goodrich Rd., 28 Hillside Dr., and 13 Mashapaug revisions. Installation inspections – 195 Arnold Rd Tight tank installation at Hyland Brewery floor drains for brewery cleaning only (no sanitary sewerage); this inspection is not complete because there was a change between the approved plan and the field installation. The change involved two pipes exiting the brewery as opposed to one. One of the two newly installed pipes appeared to be very close the bathroom and I asked to witness the bathroom pipe flowing into the existing septic tank to ensure that the new drainage pipe was not taking any sanitary, or bathroom sewage. The existing septic tank was so full it could not be determined that any flow was entering it, so I asked that the septic tank be pumped so that the bathroom flow could be confirmed. I told the engineer, Chris McClure, and he concurred. I asked the installer (Helgerson) when he would be pumping the tank and he said he didn’t know, it would be up to the owner (Damon). I asked the owner to call me when he was going to have the tank pumped to make an appointment for this inspection, but I have not heard back from Mr. Damon. No Certificate of Compliance will be issued until the bathroom flow is confirmed to ensure that the floor drains are separate from the sanitary plumbing.

Sewer connection inspections: The plumbing inspector brought it to the Agent’s attention that two sites (27 Main St and 34 Willard St), currently on private septic systems, were being connected to municipal sewer. The Board of Health usually requires an abandonment permit (\$60) although, in the past, DPW staff has reviewed the crushing of the systems. The Agent asked each of the installers, David Kaitbinski, and Brian/Stam Kaitbinski to obtain the permits so that the septic system abandonments could be witnessed. David Kaitbinski’s staff obtained a permit, but was not charged, and the Agent inspected without issue. Brian Kaitbinski refused to obtain a permit and insisted that the Agent call the DPW Director. Mr. Morse had already inspected the Willard St. system, and Alyssa asked Mr. Morse to notify the Board of Health office when he inspects one, so our files are current. Discussion of the process ensued with the Board members; the Board feels that a permit needs to be obtained from this office regardless of whether the Board of Health Agent inspects or whether the DPW Director inspects. The Agent suggests that we develop a process in the future.

Emergency Food Inspection: The Thai Place required an emergency inspection by the Agent and Mr. Woolhouse due to flooding into the adjacent business. (See food report below).

INSPECTOR'S REPORT – (Plumbing): Mr. Sohenuick appears briefly to discuss the fee schedule, slight revisions are made by changing the existing \$40 and \$45 fees to \$50 each so that the accounting for the “town cut” is easier. Also, current permits shall expire after one year. The Board votes. Approved 3 – 0.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT – (Food): Mr. Woolhouse presents his report. All previous complaints were either corrected or unfounded. All inspections were found to be in compliance, with the exception of the Thai Place Restaurant. Violations were found and the Board instructed that a letter is to be written to the owner stating that if another critical violation is observed, then the corrective action shall include closing and a hearing.

The Board agreed on the final versions of the documents needed for distribution to the Harvest Festival food vendor participants.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL – Mr. Audet discussed the bailer motor issue with John Booth. The Board decided to have Mr. Booth make the final decision on whether a new back-up motor should be purchased or whether a re-built motor should be purchased. The repair company will evaluate the shed motor.

HEARINGS:

13 Mashapaug Rd septic system local upgrade < 100 feet to well.

The Agent reviewed and presented the plan with and to the Board. The proposed soil absorption system will be placed 100 feet from the abutter's well but only 90 feet to their own well. The Agent recommends approval by the Board. The Board discusses the plan with the current owners, who are present. The owners are anxious for an approval because they have a buyer for the property. APPROVED 3 – 0 to allow the system at 90 feet to a well.

286 Big Alum Rd application for a Geothermal Well.

The Agent reviewed and presented the application to the Board, and stated that the applicant must meet the requirements of DEP's Underground Injection Control Program. All of the State and local offsets are met; required testing will be forwarded to the office. The Agent recommends approval by the Board. APPROVED 3 – 0 to allow a geothermal well.

CONCERNS OF THE BOARD – Ms. Cocalis will participate in the Town of Sturbridge Master Plan interview with the Planning Board representative. Mr. Degnan has not received any specific information from the State DPH regarding distribution of the potential H1N1 flu vaccinations for children and others at risk. At this time it is unclear whether a Board of Health EDS model would be activated or whether all efforts would take place through the school department. Attempts to contact the school

administration have been unsuccessful due to the summer schedule and school-opening activities, according to Mr. Degan.

CORRESPONDENCE — N/A

Executive Session: At 9: 00 pm The Board voted by roll call to go into executive session for the purposes of litigation strategy. Ms. Cocalis, aye, Mr. Audet, aye, Mr. Degan.

Return to regular meeting: At 9:25 pm The Board voted by roll call to come out of executive session to return to the regular meeting.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION - Ms. Rusiecki discussed office scheduling, including upcoming education and vacation. Ms. Girouard will be on vacation this week.

Voted to adjourn at 9:40 pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 8/17/09 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent