

**MINUTES**  
**STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Monday, November 16, 2009 7:00 pm**

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet, and John Degnan. Lynne Girouard, Administrative assistant; Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent. Meeting called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

**MINUTES** — Minutes of October 19 and November 2, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT** - Ms. Girouard provides routine correspondence as well as monthly reports. One of the reports reflects some limited septic activity related to operation and maintenance. Ms. Rusiecki explains the work that is required to keep up with the tight tank pumping and innovative and alternative septic systems in town. It is apparent that not all owners of these facilities are keeping up with the State mandated pumping and maintenance requirements. The Board of Health should follow up on these deficiencies. Regarding the accounting, Lynne shall coordinate with the treasurer regarding the landfill capping account so that the two accounts are balanced.

**AGENT'S REPORT** — (Health Agent's Report) Ms. Rusiecki states she has been very busy juggling the normal activities as well as H1N1 tasks; she did not have time to attend the recent DPH Region 2 meeting. Construction (septic) inspections: 6; housing inspections: 1; percs/soil evaluations: 3; and 1 Landfill inspection.

**HEARINGS/APPEARANCES** – None (See Recycling Center/Landfill below).

**RECYCLING CENTER** – Irene Congdon, DEP technical consultant, appeared to discuss the technical grant that the Board of Health received. Some of the goals are: evaluating sticker fees and “Pay-as-you-Throw” programs for the Landfill/Recycling Center; and potential hauler regulations. Two residents, (Ms. Pesci and Ms. Goodwin), who are Recycling Activists, attended to offer suggestions and help. The Board will review the draft hauler regulations at the next meeting in order to prepare for future hearings.

**H1N1 UPDATE** – All of the daycare providers had been contacted and given notice of the November 14<sup>th</sup> clinic. The children's vaccination clinic on November 14<sup>th</sup> went well and the Board of Health is very appreciative of all of Burgess School nurse Lisa Meunier's efforts as well as all of the other volunteers' help. When the work slows down, the Board will send letters of appreciation to all of the volunteers. The Board of Health has yet to receive an invoice for services from Joan Dusoe, sub-contract nurse at Harrington Hospital Preventative Health Services. The Board of Health has not yet received any grant money at this time. We will continue planning vaccination clinics in accordance with the CDC and DPH guidelines as long as there is vaccine available; the next clinic will be for Jr. and Sr. high-schoolers. Ms. Rusiecki will work with Ms. Meunier regarding the volunteers. A decision will be made as to whether an additional meeting will be required for the volunteers based on the projected numbers of the next clinic.

**CONCERNS OF THE MEMBERS** – On November 9, 2009, the Board of Selectmen instructed the interim Town Administrator to forward any and all complaints they had about the Health Agent. As of this date, there has been no complaint forwarded to the Board of Health.

Regarding the barn inspector, Ms. Cocalis didn't call the State yet. The financial office refused to pay for Ms. Rusiecki's work boots. The Board will outline PPE (personal protective equipment) requirements and re-submit the invoice under that item.

Voted to adjourn at 10:00PM

***NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 12/07/09 @ 7:00pm***

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki  
Public Health Agent