

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, January 4, 2010 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet. Lynne Girouard, Administrative assistant; Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent. Meeting called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES — Minutes of December 7, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT - Ms. Girouard states that all is routine, but her work has been limited by her recent computer malfunction.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT – (Food and Accommodations, report attached) – Mr. Woolhouse states that all of his inspections have been routine. Regarding the Whistling Swan follow-up, the Board voted (2-0) that no food prep shall take place in unfinished areas; therefore, the hand-wash sink and prep sink shall be placed in the kitchen and not in the basement. The other alternative is to finish the basement.

New facility inspections have included BTs Smokehouse at 392 Main Street and Kim's Residential kitchen (for baked goods only). The 420 Main Street inspection is pending. Ms. Rusiecki and Mr. Woolhouse conducted a preliminary inspection at the proposed Mexican Restaurant, Playa del Carmen, at the old Rom's location on Rte 131.

Regarding Playa Del Carmen, Ms. Cocalis stated that misinformation has been circulating that the Board of Health has delayed the opening of this restaurant. This is not the case, the Board of Health has not delayed the opening in any way. As a matter of fact, Ms. Rusiecki and Mr. Woolhouse made a courtesy inspection at this facility on Christmas Eve Day even though the application was not 100% complete at that time. The following items are required: general cleaning and sanitation; placement of hand-wash sinks; placement of "prep" sinks; replacement and/or re-conditioning of counters and coolers; repair or replacement of cracked flooring; re-sealing of unfinished surfaces and bar areas; plumbing; and equipment upgrades. Ms. Cocalis stated that she received calls from both Alex McKnitt from the Chamber of Commerce and from Mary Blanchard, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Cocalis clarified that the Board of Health has not delayed any opening and that the applicant has significant work to complete in order to be permit-ready. A legible kitchen layout was only just received today on January 4th, 2010. The applicants may proceed with required upgrades in anticipation of the pre-opening inspection, prior to ordering of food.

AGENT'S REPORT — The Agent thanks Mr. Woolhouse for covering for her when she took a few days vacation. Ms. Rusiecki reported her routine inspections (report attached). A call came in from Police dispatch regarded an abandoned property on Gideon Ave., but Ms. Rusiecki explained that she could not enter the property without the occupant present. The Board agreed and a letter will be written to the mortgage holder. Another complaint came about housing conditions at Heritage Green, but this is another case in which the unit is unoccupied. Alyssa explained the review process for the residential kitchen application and that only limited non-potentially foods may be prepared. The engineering report for the landfill came in, the Board agreed to forward it to the Department of Environmental Protection.

BUDGET – The BoH shall meet with FinCom on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Warrants are due by January 15th and the revolving account language must be adjusted. Another revolving account will be needed for the Recycling Sticker and PAYT fees.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL – Irene Congden, DEP technical assistant, attended the meeting to discuss trash hauler regulations, Recycling sticker fees and dissemination and a “Pay-As-You-Throw” program. Regionalization may be utilized for the HazMat area, but more research is needed. Ms. Congden needs more information from Lynne in order to present a financial model. Ms. Rusiecki reported about the speakers presented at the Central Mass Annual Recycling meeting organized by Ms. Congden. Ms. Rusiecki feels that with additional containers we could participate with different charitable organizations for special collections. As a starting off point, perhaps we could designate one day near Earth Day to collect items, such as furniture needed by different non-profit organizations. The re-use of the items would also benefit our operation because we wouldn’t have to pay to dispose of these items. The Board agrees that this is a worthwhile idea.

H1N1 UPDATE – Bob will meet with Nurse Lisa Meunier at Burgess Elementary School to prepare for the upcoming January 9th clinic.

HEARINGS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

CONCERNS OF THE MEMBERS – Ms. Cocalis spoke to a resident regarding a housing inspection when Alyssa was out. It was determined that there was no emergency, and the event which was being reported, was corrected.

The next meeting night falls on a municipal holiday so the next regular meeting will include the hearing for trash haulers regulations and shall be held on Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 at Rm #55 the OSV lodges/temporary town hall meeting room.

Voted to adjourn at 10PM

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 1/20/10 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent