

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

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet; John Degnan. Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent; and Ron Woolhouse, Accommodations/Food Inspector.

MINUTES — May 17, 2010, reviewed and approved (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE & WALK-IN – Ms. Cocalis states that the notes from Mr. Booth regarding Recycling Center violations need to be more specific. Ms. Cocalis states that she asked that the copies of the Southbridge landfill SRD documents be included in the Board members’ packets but that the correct paperwork is not contained in this packet. Ms. Cocalis will follow-up with Lynne. The correspondence was reviewed; Mr. Audet asked if the routine correspondence could be delivered for review prior to the meeting.

WALK-IN - Ms. Rainville from Sturbridge Campground (aka Outdoor World) is asked about the status of their on-site private wastewater treatment plant and she said that she is waiting for a report but that the system is operating correctly.

Ms. Cocalis states that the Board discussed Mr. Komar’s appointment as Animal Inspector, for the Board of Health, at the last Board meeting.

The Agent discusses the following upcoming Interdepartmental reviews:

- Wm. Nemeroff, Cedar St. Restaurant – previously commented upon, (grease trap, parking, upgrade to full Food Code); and
- 100 Allen Rd., - expansion on septic – Ms. Rusiecki explains that the septic system was upgraded last year and took this expansion into account, including the 2nd floor and the garage; and
- 200 Lake Rd., - expansion on sewer, no comment.

The Board members had no further comment.

Ms. Cocalis and Ms. Rusiecki updated the Board on the inspections of the public and semi-public swimming pools. The State inspector accompanied our inspector(s) to assist with compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act (Federal anti-suction and entrapment law); the main drain requirement pursuant to 105 CMR 435.000 as well as other routine inspection issues. The affected pool owners complained and an informational meeting was held to address their concerns on June 3, 2010. The regulations, compliance issues and variance process were discussed.

APPEARANCES – Representatives from Yogi Bear Campground and Sturbridge Campground (locally known as “Outdoor World”) appear regarding recent pool inspections and submittals.

Yogi Bear Campground pool variance request: Mr. Shaun Finicane, owner, and Mr. Dan White, Certified Pool Operator, and appear to discuss 1). The definition of an unblockable drain; and 2). a variance request for a main drain at the pool at the flume of the Aquacenter. The request shall be held in abeyance for submittal of additional documents. The Board issued a favorable opinion, if the definition of the suction unit for the flume is confirmed as “unblockable” from the State.

Outdoor World pool variance: Ms. Donna Rainville, manager, presented documents on her water testing as well as a request for variance to open her pool. The variance was denied based on the requirement to provide pool chemistry meeting the State standards. Mr. Finicane offered to provide assistance to Ms. Rainville.

ACCOMMODATIONS/FOOD INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Woolhouse questioned whether there is a regulation in Sturbridge regarding customers bringing their own alcohol to food establishments. The Board knew of no regulations, but will check with both the Board of Selectmen's office and the Police Chief. Ron followed up on a small fire at Romaldo's and a complaint at the Oxhead Tavern, now corrected. Linda stated that she was very appreciative of Ron attending the organizational meeting for the "Feast and Fire" event. Linda stated that 5 food booths will be under one permit, R.E.A.S. Foundation.

H1N1/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL – Ms. Rusiecki reviews the billing from Harrington Hospital for the seasonal flu clinic. As discussed previously, last year's bill was just under \$1,200 and this year's bill was just under \$2,000, with the only difference being forty additional vaccinations given at the one-day clinic. The Board has not only discussed this numerous times, but has also made contact and inquiries to Harrington Hospital staff many times to no avail. While after months of waiting for a resolution, Ms. Rusiecki recommends that the invoice be recalculated to \$1,350.00. Mr. Degnan requests that he make another attempt. The Board decides to have Mr. Degnan contact Harrington Hospital again. The bill needs to be agreed upon and paid by July 1, 2010.

Regarding H1N1 follow-up, Mr. Degnan will forward the minimum specifications for a vaccine refrigerator to Mr. Audet for purchase and invoicing. The Board would like to pay the backfill hours for all Police, Fire, janitorial staff and Health Agent staffing backfill during comp time allocation. Ms. Rusiecki will continue to work on deliverables with Kate Pollender, RN. We have worked with Council on Aging Director, Barbara Search and the "special populations" survey went out in the May Council on Aging newsletter.

REGULAR BUSINESS – AGENT'S REPORT – The Agent reviewed the on-going work/projects including the following:

199 New Boston Rd. – Septic upgrade installation, installer, DJ Kaitbinski. The installer wanted begin construction on May 17th, but was asked to wait until May 24th. The permit was issued on May 24th, and, having had no request for inspection, the Agent went to the site on June 4th, to check on the progress; tree-cutting was just under way and according to the owner, had only just started.

36-38 Goodrich Rd. – The Agent was notified that there was an excavator on-site and the complainant was concerned that the septic system was being installed without a permit. The Agent and Erin Jacques, the Conservation Agent went to inspect the site and met the excavator operator, who said he was working on the wall in front of the proposed leaching facility. Ms. Rusiecki gave the operator a "cease & desist" letter because the machine was being run over the soil absorption area.

Alyssa stated that there was a Department Head meeting, as well as a planning meeting about town permitting software. The fee for this proposal was approximately ten times (10X) greater than what the Board of Health was quoted by a different company for similar software.

CONCERNS OF THE BOARD – Mr. Audet and Ms. Cocalis stated concerns regarding the permit modification at the Southbridge landfill. It was noted that the Agent and Town Administrator both wrote letters of opposition to DEP regarding the proposed landfill permit modification. The documents will be copied to the FAA, since they play an integral function in

the regulatory authority of landfill siting. Ms. Rusiecki noted that all perc test applied for under “new construction” had been scheduled and completed. Mr. Degnan stated that he applied for a public health nursing grant, on behalf of the Board of Health, through St. Vincent’s hospital. The Girl Scouts will have the can recycling drive for the month of July.

Voted to adjourn at 10:20pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 21, 2010 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent