

**MINUTES**  
**STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Monday, December 6, 2010 7:00pm**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Members Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet, John Degnan. Health Agent, Alyssa Rusiecki, and Inspector Ron Woolhouse.

Minutes in abeyance.

**Agent's Report:** Ms. Rusiecki states that the Town Administrator received an anonymous complaint regarding the pool permit renewal letters that were sent out regarding the doubling of fees. Previously, the fees, including the doubling, were discussed in open Board of Health meeting; voted upon; and published as required. An explanatory letter was sent to all previous public swimming pool operators.

The Agent also states that Food and Hotel/motel renewal letters included an insert from the Town Tax Collector's office on properties that owe taxes. In the future, these letters should be on Town of Sturbridge Tax Collector's letterhead so that it does not appear as if the Board of Health is doing the collection of taxes.

The FY12 budget worksheets will be reviewed later in the meeting.

**Hearing: 60 South Shore Rd. Well variance request, less than 100 feet to septic systems; (owner Grehl, buyer Robinson, consultant Mark Farrell, RS).**

The certified abutter's list is reviewed and evidence of mailing to all abutters is shown. The hearing is opened. Mr. Farrell states that the Robinson's, (buyer) would like to put in a drilled well, but that there are a number of variances, (less than 100 feet to septic systems; less than fifteen feet to property lines, and less than 25 feet to driving surface and less than 15 feet to right of way roadway) being requested due to site constraints, including a steep slope and ledge. All abutters have been informed. Dr. Audet asks if the abutter across the street, Martha Walker has been notified. Mr. Farrell states that yes, he has spoken to her on the phone. Ms. Cocalis states that the placement of this well may adversely affect the viability and build-ability of the Walker lot across the street. The applicant, Mrs. Robinson, states that they have offered to buy that lot, but it is not for sale. The Agent states that the abutting owner, Walker, is not obligated to sell or develop that lot at this time, but due to the variances being requested, the Board is neither obligated to grant the variances which would adversely affect another lot. Mr. Degnan states that Mrs. Walker, the abutter with the lot across the street, must be informed of the ramifications of the placement of this well upon her property; he makes a motion to put the matter into abeyance, seconded by Dr. Audet, (3 – 0).

**Administrative:** The Board returns to the discussion of the FY12 budget worksheets. The Board discussed and approved the following items: Board stipend \$900 (at \$300 each per year); Physician's stipend, (\$100); vehicle evaluation and maintenance (request to move the \$1,000 from this past year's approved budget for conversion of a police cruiser that has not come to fruition as of yet); inclusion of \$13,000 for additional administrative assistant hours, (19 hours per week, non-benefit) so the Board of Health has full-time coverage; the addition of approximately \$2,000 of hours for municipal town building recycling pickup and transportation to the Recycling Center as the DPW Director has stated that his staff will not be able to provide this service past June 30, 2011; and miscellaneous updated fees for increases in professional dues, forms, inspecting equipment.

**Executive session:** The Chairman states that reason for Executive Session is to discuss legal strategy of pending litigation, regarding the Southbridge Landfill. The Board takes a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session and only to reconvene into regular session to adjourn – Ms. Cocalis, yes; Mr. Degnan, yes; and Dr. Audet, yes.

Adjourned 10:16pm.

*The next meeting is December 20, 2010 at 7pm.*