

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2012 7:00pm

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Members Ms. Cocalis, Mr. Degnan, Dr. Audet. Health Agent, Alyssa Rusiecki.

Ms. Cocalis states that a comment period to DEP is available regarding the permit change at the Southbridge Landfill. All of the original concerns are still valid, with possibly the exception of the road. The Board members authorize Ms. Cocalis to prepare comments and submit the letter to the DEP on the Board's behalf.

Ms. Cocalis asks if there was any response to the requests to other departments for assistance with preparation of the leachate bid language. Ms. Cocalis asks if Greg Morse had indicated whether he made the initial testing on the side of the slope of the finished Landfill Cell#1 to see if any of the drainage recommendations from CME might be beneficial. There will be additional Board of Health follow-up.

Minutes: 11/21/11 Dr. Audet made a motion to approve, and Mr. Degnan seconded voted (3-0) APPROVED.

Discussion points: Hyland Orchard and Pioneer Brewing food permits. Food preparation prohibited.

Regarding the Community Preservation budgeting, Ms. Cocalis suggested that proper recycling separation and collection bins be purchased as well as monitoring video equipment. The trash from the Recreation Area and the Town Common is now sent to "burnables" because it is not properly separated.

Agent's Report, see attached. Additional issues include: 6 Podunk Rd. well; 181 Shepard Rd septic non-compliance; water supply issues; and the LEPC Hazmat exercise observations.

Additionally, Ms. Cocalis adds that the Town Administrator has indicated to National Grid and the Safety Complex staff that the Board of Health should also be notified of power outages and their locations.

Landfill/Recycling Center: The Landfill leachate pumping cost is still excessive and help is being requested to send out bids for pumping as well as engineering to address runoff issues. The current leachate pumping cost is exorbitant at over \$13,000 for the month of December and the total annual budget is for \$26,500. A solution is needed as well as a Reserve Fund emergency transfer for this Fiscal Year (FY12). We should look at pumping in-house, as well as metering the leachate at the landfill and at the Wastewater Treatment plant. Ms. Cocalis states that the City of Chicopee has had success with tarps which divert the runoff. Ms. Cocalis will follow-up with the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to let them know of this emergency situation.

Concerns of the Members: Ms. Cocalis asks about whether the payment for certain vaccinations is still the obligation of the local Board of Health when MassHealth is now a requirement for all residents. The Agent will ask DPH.

Ms. Cocalis would like to work on a press release regarding the awards received by the residents of Sturbridge who recycle at the Recycling Center.

Fees: There is discussion as to whether the tattoo festival skin course participants should be assessed a fee; Mr. Degnan makes a motion to rescind the previous Board of Health fee for skin disease coursework, provided that the event host, Zaza Ink also does not charge a fee, and that they agree to work in conjunction with the on-site Board of Health nurse.; Dr. Audet seconds, voted (3-0) APPROVED. The following fees are discussed and agreed upon: manufactured housing \$50 permit, campgrounds 1-200 sites, \$200; and 201 – 400 sites \$400; Mr. Degnan makes a motion, Dr. Audet seconds, voted (3-0) APPROVED.

Additionally, the Board approves of the emergency management expenditure for weather radios and field bags and supplies. Mr. Degnan makes a motion that the Agent shall be reimbursed for the purchase from the Emergency Management grant; Dr. Audet seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0).

Mr. Degnan makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Audet seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0).
ADJOURNED 9:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Health Agent

BOARD OF HEALTH



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Health members
From: Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent (REPORT)
Date: FOR January 9, 2012 MEETING

INSPECTIONS & TASKS:

FOOD -

- **Pioneer Brewery**, received \$100 fine for having a temporary food event without an application; annual permit issued.
- **Hyland Orchards**, annual permit application received, modified by applicant – 60 seats not approved, interior kitchen not to be used by either Hyland or Pioneer, (Board of Health letter attached).
- **Kahula**, \$300 fine received for violations; action plan in process for corrections; 2 more staff persons will be required to take the full ServeSafe training by January 30, 2012.
- **Village Cafe** – plan review and pre-opening inspection;
- **Hamilton Rod & Gun Club** – plan review of remodel;
- **Enricos** – plan review of remodel;
- **Veritas** – plan review, new owner;
- **Cups and Cakes** – 425 Main St., new plan review;
- **Lola's** – 630 Main St. pending receipt of completed application from the applicant
- **Annual Permitting** – Lynne had been continuing to work on renewals; waiting for attachments, such as required allergen certificates, which have been slow to come in.

POOLS – no activity; mailings will go out shortly.

HOUSING –

- **26 Birch St.** SFH rental, Ejector Pump back flooded habitable basement; other violations;
- **82 Clarke Rd.** letter written, referred to Building Inspector;
- **151 Pine Ave.**, letter written, referred to Building Inspector who reports that owner will move or replace affected trailer on new lot with a foundation;
- Pending re-inspection **152 Main St. (Unit#8)**; and
- Still in abeyance **23 Brookfield Rd.**, pending communication with new Plumbing Inspector.

COMPLAINT/NUISANCES – Hamilton Inn, trash overflowing again.

REGION2 – No activity, conference re-imburement received. Some emergency management resources (weather radios & bags) purchased with grant money.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH – activity sheets scanned.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS –

- **60 So. Shore Rd.** – potential expansion on Title 5 system, requested documentation but not received from Bertin Engineering.
- **1 River Rd.** – Certification by engineer required for change of use, not yet received.

TITLE 5 & WELLS –

- **6 Podunk Rd** well drilling issues;
- **10 Bentwood Dr.,** system installed; CoC issued;
- **264 New Boston Rd.** – soil evaluations, perc in abeyance;
- **181 Shepard Rd.,** the installer came in to obtain his annual installer’s permit, but has yet to make an appointment to obtain this project permit to put the system in as required by the Board of Health (required to be completed by the end of last year, 12/31/2011). Response to applicant David Pelletier’s questions; discussion with Town Administrator and State DEP Title 5 Director. Town Administrator Suhoski will write a letter to applicant.
- **146 Lane 8** - perc test completed;
- **Pilot water supply** – chemical feed malfunction, DEP instructed remediation;
- **Public water supply issues** – at food establishments, research pending.

OTHER:

LEPC – Hazmat Training tabletop – Participated in recent exercise.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:

Landfill Engineering – Met with CME and Mr. Morse regarding leachate and runoff at the active landfill cell #2B, (see associated email). Budgetary issues pending, requested assistance from the Town Administrator and Finance Director.

Awards – Attended the Annual MassRecycle Awards Luncheon. The Board of Health received two awards for recycling:

- **“Residents who Recycle – 40% Recycling Rate Club”**
- **“Residents who Recycle – Averaging Less than 1000 lbs. of Trash Per Year”***

*Average is 2,000 lbs per year.

ADMINISTRATION:

EDUCATION & MEETINGS – Attended MassRecycle Annual Meeting. Scheduling on-site organizational seminar; upcoming onsite wastewater conferences.

STAFF COMMUNICATION – Working on Annual permitting and budgeting with administrative assistant. Provided Finance Director with information; provided copies of

budget details to new FinCom representative. Provided Town Administrator Suhoski with Code (310 CMR 15.000) information.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT –

- Working on alternative options for leachate management (re: budgeting).
- Thank you Letter for Mr. Hughes, DPH.

PENDING FILE –

- 2 beaver applications;
- budget information;
- 3 new food establishments;
- newest trash complaint, Hamilton Inn.

