

**MINUTES**  
**STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Monday, January 23, 2012 7:00pm**

Meeting called to order 7:05pm.

Present: Members Ms. Cocalis, Mr. Degnan, Dr. Audet. Member of the public, Dan Chaput.  
Health Agent, Alyssa Rusiecki.

Ms. Cocalis states that the members should have received a copy of the letter sent to DEP regarding the permit change at the Southbridge Landfill.

Ms. Cocalis asks if the request to the Betterment budget for Recycling Containers at the Town Common and Town Recreation Area was submitted. The Agent states that the Recreation Department declined to make the request and she sent an email to the Town Administrator, after the fact, but there has been no response. There also has been no comment to our budget from our liaison; we will reach out again via email.

**Minutes:** 1/09/12 Dr. Audet made a motion to approve, and Mr. Degnan seconded voted (3-0) APPROVED.

**Agent's Report,** see attached. Discussion points: Regarding the doubling of fees for non-payment of renewal fees for annual licenses, the Board instructs the Agent to write a letter to those that have not renewed, stating that if not received by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee shall be doubled and that their current license expired on December 31, 2011 and that they are operating without a valid permit and the Board of Health will require them to cease operations. Questions have arisen regarding the private well regulations, they will be reviewed in the future; there may be a variance request upcoming.

**Landfill/Recycling Center:** Regarding the landfill leachate pumping; the Board is concerned because of the cost increase and because the precipitation hasn't increased; still waiting to obtain the bid language from the Town Administrator. Mr. Degnan will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting another opinion regarding the engineering and associated grading at the landfill, which may be affected the amount of leachate begin pumped. The Board votes to send the letter, Dr. Audet makes a motion, and Ms. Cocalis seconds, voted APPROVED (3 – 0) to send the letter. Ms. Cocalis reports that she attended the last Board of Selectmen's meeting, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in order to apprise them of the situation. The Board also feels that the alternative of in-house pumping should be evaluated, as well as how the leachate in-take is documented at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Concerns of the Members:** Mr. Degnan states that will attend the Tri-Epic table-top exercise on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Ms. Cocalis states that she will contact the Sewer and/Wastewater Treatment Plant regarding landfill leachate.

Dr Audet makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Cocalis seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0).  
ADJOURNED 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki  
Health Agent

# BOARD OF HEALTH



## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Health members  
From: Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent (REPORT)  
Date: FOR January 23, 2012 MEETING

### INSPECTIONS & TASKS:

#### **FOOD -**

- **Pioneer Brewery**, Order letter regarding food preparation returned marked “undeliverable”;
- **Hyland Orchards**, DEP instructions pending on UIC and PWS;
- **Kahula**, awaiting certification of two new ServeSafe trainees;
- **Hamilton Rod & Gun Club** – remodel inspected and approved;
- **Enrico’s** – remodel; (inspection pending appointment request);
- **Veritas** – plan review, (pending return of owner);
- **Cups and Cakes** – meeting with new applicant (revisions requested);
- **Lola’s** – (pending complete submittal by owner);
- **Whistling Sway** – reviewed remodel plans and inspected;
- **Annual Permitting** – The following full-time establishments have yet to properly renew their annual Board of Health food establishment licenses that expired on December 31, 2011: **American Legion, Enrico’s, George’s, Hamilton Inn, Napoli’s, St. Anne’s, Sturbridge Federated Church, and the facilities operated at Old Sturbridge Village by “Event Network.”**

**POOLS** – no activity; mailings will go out shortly.

#### **HOUSING –**

- **26 Birch St.** SFH follow-up inspection with the Building Inspector, who will bring the Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector with him to a future inspection;
- All other Housing inspections in abeyance waiting for activity from the Building Office.

#### **COMPLAINT/NUISANCES –**

- **17 Gardner Ave.** SFH septic system overflowing in yard and onto road, reported by neighbor. Letter sent with instructions for septic system upgrade. Instructed to keep pumped until fixed by Title 5 upgrade.
- **Potential “Staph” infections** Locker room at TRHS, Ms. Pollender inspected and provided information and suggested preventative measures. The nurse and Principal were very receptive to the information.

**REGION2** – No activity.

**PREVENTIVE HEALTH** – Harrington Hospital nurse Debra Vescera called to report possible salmonella case; later confirmed not local issue; also Debra noted information in the 10/17/2011 Board of Health minutes as not accurate - regarding a TB case, which was mentioned because we were billed with the TB section checked, but Deb Vescera would like it clarified that “it was not a TB case, it was paperwork conducted by the clerical staff on a latent TB case.” There were a couple of other clarifications that she would like to be made and she will email the information.

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS –**

- **60 So. Shore Rd.** – potential expansion on Title 5 system, requested documentation but not received from Bertin Engineering. Still not received.
- **1 River Rd.** – Received certification by engineer; size complies with Title 5 office use only.
- **146 Lake Rd.** – roof and stairs only, no BoH comment.
- **100 Charlton Rd.** – movie theaters, food service applications required 30 days in advance of any proposed construction.
- **419 Main St.,** - Yervant Realty originally stated dental offices only, now potential food service, food service applications required 30 days in advance of any proposed construction.

**TITLE 5 & WELLS –**

- **6 Podunk Rd** well drilling issues, permit still pending completion of borings;
- **6 Champeaux Rd** well water testing and treatment required prior to CoC, documents two years late;
- **Cedar St SFH** well test and treatment needed; occupant not using water.
- **Public water supply issues** – DEP correspondence.

**OTHER:**

- **Upcoming Tri-Epic exercise** – Scheduled on Saturday, January 28, 2012; not sure of availability.
- **Beaver permit** – 440 Main Street
- **Southbridge Landfill** – Comments to DEP regarding permit change

**RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:**

**Landfill Engineering** – Met with Shaun, Town Administrator, and Greg, DPW Director, regarding excessive leachate pumping. Shaun will facilitate new bids and evaluate in-house operations. Greg will look at CME proposal for engineering regarding interim drainage and engineering cost benefit analysis. An emergency reserve fund transfer will be required for this Fiscal Year to pay for the leachate and trucking overages.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**EDUCATION & MEETINGS** – Pending: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 On-site wastewater workshop. Upcoming: Northeast Onsite Wastewater Regional Conference and soils workshops.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION** – Working on permitting and budgeting issues.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT –**

- Organizing workshop upcoming, filing documents in limited office space.
- Applied for another student summer intern.

**PENDING FILE –**

- Town Report;
- Landfill Report.



