

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, February 22, 2012 7:00pm

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

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

Meeting called to Order: 7:00pm. Ms. Cocalis discusses the budget and the Pay-As-You-Throw, (PAYT), account. Both she and the Agent have been asking the Finance Committee for any questions they may have in advance and in preparation of this Saturday's Annual combined budget meeting with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Besides the leachate issues, (of which options are being developed by the Town Administrator for in-house services) there are no questions presented to the Board of Health.

Minutes: (2/06/12) Dr. Audet makes a motion to approve, and Ms. Cocalis seconded voted (2-0) APPROVED.

Agent's Report, see attached. Discussion points: Leachate removal at the landfill, the bids for pumping are due on February 24th in the Town Administrator's Office. Shaun is also working with Greg on an in-house solution, including an employee that would be dedicated to the Landfill operations as well as hauling the leachate. The Agent states that due to the significant increase in leachate for this year, we will need a Reserve Fund Transfer prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

There was a complaint at **Sal's Pizza**; an inspection was conducted and eight critical violations were found including undated and spoiled food. There will be follow-up and compliance inspections.

The Agent has been working on the Town Report; Leachate billing; Budget issues; and the DEP annual Landfill report. There is a new owner at "**George's Pizza**," an inspection will be scheduled for upgrades. **Churchill's** remodeling project has been completed and they did a satisfactory job at upgrading surfaces, and cleaning the kitchen area etc. There was another complaint of trash at Fairview Park Road from the **Hamilton Inn** dumpster.

The Agent attended **MAVEN** refresher training. The Agent also attended a **Textiles Recycling** Workshop and learned that as long as the textiles are clean and dry, the charitable organizations that collect clothing will also collect garments with holes and rips and bedding and towels. All of these items are separated and are recycled for secondary markets for rags and insulation. Single shoes and broken shoes are accepted and are re-made into shoes that are sent to impoverished countries. All textiles can be re-used as long as they are **clean** and **dry**.

The Agent also recommends obtaining a second opinion and bid for the engineering (CME proposed cost is approximately \$5700) for the management of the landfill operations. If a "tarp" system is recommended, then pricing will be required for the "tarp," the purpose of which would be to divert the surface runoff prior to comingling with the garbage.

Ms. Cocalis states that, whichever engineer we choose, must work directly with the heavy equipment operator at the landfill. Ms. Cocalis states that she spoke to Ms. Lynn Walsh at DEP about the leachate and potential "tarping" system and DEP would be able to send a technical assistant to help us if we need it.

Ms. Cocalis requests the amount of funds received for Recycling fees, rebates, and bags. The Agent states that WasteZero is recommending that another order of large bags be run.

Concerns of the Members: Ms. Cocalis discusses budget information. Ms. Cocalis discusses the Southbridge Landfill permit; she called Lynn Walsh at DEP regarding the groundwater monitoring wells that are showing flowage towards Sturbridge and high levels of chromium and lead. Dr. Audet asks what the process is if the groundwater is showing contamination. Ms. Cocalis states that the Board would need legal assistance to address the matter. The Board members are concerned because Southbridge has a reservoir and we are all on the same aquifer so any contamination could affect residents of both towns. On a related point, the Board will contact CME, the engineer, to decide where the best location is for our own groundwater monitoring well.

Ms. Cocalis states that she is still concerned with the Southbridge Landfill compliance with the Massachusetts organics waste ban as well as the FAA requirements for grant assurances and potential problems with bird-strikes.

Dr. Audet makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Cocalis seconds, APPROVED (2 – 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 February 22, 2012 MEETING

SIGNIFICANT TIME SPENT ON:

- **Town Report**
- **Budget Details**
- **Leachate Billing**

INSPECTIONS & TASKS:

FOOD -

- **Churchill's**, Re-inspection of remodeling and upgrades, approved for opening
- **Sal's**, Inspection, complaint follow-up, eight criticals;

POOLS –

- No application received from **Sturbridge Heights** yet.

HOUSING –

- **310 Main St.** pending re-inspection;
- **221 New Boston Rd** - various violations.

COMPLAINT/NUISANCES –

- **Hampton Inn** – continuing complaints from neighbor David Holland regarding trash. See previous email (pictures) to BoH.

REGION2 – No activity. Reported that PD not testing Satellite Phone.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH – none

INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS –

- **61 Bennetts Rd.** – no Board of Health requirements received. No Building Permit should be issued.

TITLE 5 & WELLS –

- **6 Champeaux Rd** variance rescinded, letter written to owner requiring full-house water treatment system to abate sodium, pH, iron, manganese.

OTHER:

- **Finance Committee meeting** – Saturday, February 25th, 2012; email questions received and answered from FinCom liaison;
- **Annual Town Report** – Two more discrepancies noted regarding Board of Health information; emailed TA.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:

- **Landfill Engineering/Leachate** – Bids for hauling due February 24th, 2012.
- **Annual data report** – Extended deadline March 15, 2012.

ADMINISTRATION:

EDUCATION & MEETINGS – Upcoming: March 13 & 15, DEP Annual Workshop and Quarterly MHOA meeting. April 3 -5 Northeast Onsite Wastewater Regional Conference. April DPH Annual Community Sanitation workshop.

Attended: Maven and Textiles Recycling Workshop

Pending: 33 – 35 Racicot Ln., Disposal System Construction Permit application.

