

**MINUTES**  
**STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Monday, March 5, 2012 7:00pm**

Meeting called to order 7:05pm.

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

**Minutes:** (2/22/12) Dr. Audet makes a motion to approve, and Ms. Cocalis seconded voted (2-0 – 0). APPROVED. Mr. Degnan is not at this meeting.

**Agent's Report**, see attached. Discussion points:

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 the **MAVEN** refresher training. The Agent also attended a **Textiles Recycling** Workshop; she 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 donated 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 \$5000) 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. A person dedicated to work the landfill would be working with the engineer.

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 states that she is still concerned with Southbridge Landfill's compliance with the proposed Massachusetts Organics waste ban as well as existing FAA requirements for grant assurances and potential problems with bird-strikes. Additionally, there are concerns with the Southbridge Landfill groundwater monitoring wells which show exceedances of Chromium and Lead.

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 March 5, 2012 MEETING

### INSPECTIONS & TASKS:

#### **FOOD -**

- **Sal's**, Re-Inspection, corrections made, time/temperature logs still lacking & must be maintained;
- **George's** – New owner inspection, APPROVED;
- **Empire Village** – sewer pipe broke, table service stopped; sewer pipe fixed, table service resumed.

#### **POOLS –**

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

#### **HOUSING –**

- **310 Main St.** pending re-inspection;
- **221 New Boston Rd** - various violations.
- **Continuing complaints** – elderly resident with complaints.

#### **COMPLAINT/NUISANCES –**

- **Shepard Rd.** – trash complaint

**REGION2** – No activity. Communicated with Chief Ford regarding testing of satellite phone.

**PREVENTIVE HEALTH** – Campylobacter case, confirmed out of Sturbridge.

#### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS –**

- **61 Bennetts Rd.** – Still no Board of Health requirements received. No Building Permit should be issued.
- **Sal's food service potential expansion** - applicants (Sturbridge Seafood) went to Zoning Board of Appeals, no issue at ZBA, however, a full application is required at the Board of Health office.

#### **TITLE 5 & WELLS –**

- **6 Champeaux Rd** follow-up water testing received after treatment system installed. Sodium increased to approximately 60mg/L; letter written to owner requiring documentation of full-house water treatment system to abate sodium, pH, iron, manganese.
- **33-35 Racicot Ln** – septic system plan review, APPROVED.
- **2 Mashapaug Rd** – monitoring well for environmental purposes.

**OTHER:**

- **Finance Committee issues** - updated data and provided to Chairman Cocalis.

**RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:**

- **Landfill Engineering/Leachate** – Bids received February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012; follow-up to be done by Town Administrator Suhoski for formal acceptance of bids.
- **Annual data report** – Continuing to work on data for March 15, 2012.
- **Usage data** – reviewing data

**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.

**Pending:**

- Follow-up with CME for Landfill Engineering;
- Lola's new restaurant application;
- Sal's expansion paperwork.

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