

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, May 21, 2012 7:00pm

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Members Ms. Cocalis, Dan Chaput, and John Degnan. Health Agent, Alyssa Rusiecki.

Minutes: APPROVED (3 – 0).

Agent's Report: See report attached discussion points below:

128 Mashapaug Rd. trash issue, follow-up required after letter returned.

74 Stallion Hill Rd. failed septic, no response from owner. Discussion of possible resources.

Title 5 regulations, (local and State). Tight tank letters to be sent out.

CME billing; the Agent is instructed to inform them that the call with the Chairman was a sales call.

Recycling, pending DEP technical assistant opportunities.

Education, approval to attend Soils classes, (June 6 & 13).

Food, Veritas pre-opening inspections.

Employee Health: communicable disease reported in a food-handler. Excluded from work.

Recycling Center/Landfill:

There is discussion regarding vacation carry-over. The matter will be discussed at a further date.

There is discussion regarding the significant amount of time and manpower spent on the Recycling Stickers. Mr. Chaput has researched the matter, and if the goal of the sticker is to ensure that only Sturbridge residents gain access, then he discusses three levels of hierarchy: 1). To extend the deadline of the current sticker, and to possibly make it a forever sticker; 2). To make our own pass next year from the current list; or 3). To convert the current list to another system, and issue bar-coded stickers. There is discussion about the information needed for questions about usage from the Finance Committee; this year's list took quite a bit of time and effort to obtain accurate details, so the current list should be good. Ms. Cocalis states that it has been suggested that a \$20 fee be assessed for every sticker. The Agent states that the task of collecting money would put a further strain on the part-time Board of Health secretary and that, again, the Agent would end up performing secretarial duties. Mr. Degnan states that he is in favor of a "forever" sticker, only to be changed when vehicle registrations are changed, or for new applicants. Ms. Cocalis states that the Board should retain the option to charge for all the stickers in the future. Mr. Chaput makes a motion to extend the term of the current sticker to at least two years, with an expiration date of April 15, 2014, to be revisited at that time. Mr. Degnan seconds; APPROVED (3 – 0). Mr. Degnan states that there is significant savings in the landfill capping account now, so, in twenty years, when the landfill needs to be capped; there is nothing that shall preclude the Town from borrowing the necessary funds. Mr. Chaput states that there is also the option of charging \$2 a bag in order to raise additional funds, if needed. There is discussion regarding charging for HazMat and potentially making it Regional.

Concerns of the members:

Ms. Cocalis states that all staff and volunteers must complete the on-line Ethics Commission requirement; the Chair and the Agent have completed the process and filed the appropriate paperwork at the Town Clerk's office. All members should have updated IDs.

POSTPONED Hearing: 62 Bullough Rd. Tight Tank application. Owner Tim Hartwell, designer Green Hill. The designer is revising the plan pursuant to DEP comments, the hearing will be re-scheduled for the next meeting (June 11, 2012).

Interdepartmental Reviews: None.

New Business: Mr. Chaput questions why the FinCom appears to be dropping the Board of Health “Community Healthcare” line. The Agent states that it is not “healthcare,” but communicable disease follow-up, which is a mandate. Ms. Cocalis states that the FinCom presented their set of potential budget cuts without discussing them with the Board of Health and that we would not be allowed to cut that task from our budget and it behooves the Board and the Town to have nursing involved.

Old Business: Regarding 31 – 35 South Shore Rd beaver issue: Ms. Cocalis stated that she met with a representative from the MA Division of Fish & Wildlife; and they discussed the matter with Mr. Allard on-site. Ms. Cocalis stated that Mr. Allard said that, in addition to clearing the culvert of debris, that he is placing material there to “encourage the beavers to build a dam.” The representative from the Division of Fish & Wildlife said that it would be a good idea to keep the culvert cleared. Mr. Degan stated that currently the emergency is over. The Board concurs. Ms. Cocalis states that the representative from Division of Fish & Wildlife was very helpful and can attest to Mr. Allard’s statements.

Correspondence: Reports from Sturbridge Hills, Outdoor World, Conservation Commission minutes, and billing from Harrington Hospital.

Motion to adjourn LC, seconded, JD, APPROVED (3 – 0).
ADJOURNED at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Rusiecki
Health Agent

