

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 7:00pm

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

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

Inspector's Report: Kate Pollender attends the meeting to state that she cannot take on any extra projects at this time, but that she will still be available to do weekend and evening events, as well as inspecting the annual tattoo festival. If conditions change then, she and the Board may re-visit the options at that time.

Minutes: Review minutes from Aug 6/20, 2012. Linda makes a motion to approve, John seconds, APPROVED (3-0).

Agent's report: (Attached). Significant time was spent on the documentation and report for the Housing violations at the Sturbridge Heritage Motel at 501 Main St. The Agent reviewed the conditions and the Order Letters sent to the owners, dated August 6, 2012 and August 20th, 2012. The Agent stated that the Orders and conditions were reviewed with both Town Counsel and DPH assistance. Many of the violations were 24 hour state mandated corrections and that it is now approaching 30 days in which conditions continue to exist that, according to Code, Impair or Endanger Health, Life, and Safety of the occupants. The next step would be to hold an emergency hearing to discuss non-compliance consequences set forth in the Housing Code, entitled, Notice to Vacate, Condemn and Demolish. The Agent stated that it is not the intent to displace the occupants and that the corrections should be made, but the Board of Health has no choice because the conditions cannot be allowed to remain as they are. The Board of Health agrees; motion to send the owners the notice of hearing, seconded, and (APPROVED). The Hearing shall be September 24th, 2012 at 7pm.

Hearing: Request for a soil absorption system located less than 100 feet to wells at 16 Tantasqua Shore Dr. Septic Designer Mark Farrell appears on behalf of the owners and shows the locations of the septic and wells on the plan. Linda makes a motion to approve the request, John seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0) with water testing requirements.

Old Business:

181 Shepard Rd., follow-up re: lack of septic upgrade compliance. The Agent states that there has been no contact relative to compliance to upgrading the failed septic system. Town Counsel stated that the Board of Health should also send an Order relative to the nuisance complaints so that they are heard in combination in Court.

Recycling Center Expenditure: A replacement baler is needed; the proposal will be presented by DPW Director Greg Morse at the FinCom meeting. The current baler is over fifty years old.

New Business: John Degnan would like to follow-up on a grant for planning from the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission for a planning grant for \$10,000. The Agent suggests that a grant be used to help facilitate health and nursing issues. John would like to have the Landfill and Recycling Center evaluated for potential Regionalization. Linda states that that would require a DEP Permitting change, legal fees, hearings, etc, and it may not be beneficial economically in the long run. Lengthy discussion ensues.

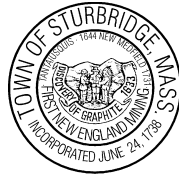
Linda makes a motion to continue this discussion and meeting at the Housing public Hearing that is scheduled for Monday September 24, 2012 at 7pm. Dan seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm (for continuation on September 24th, 2012).

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Rusiecki
Health Agent

See Agent's report below:

BOARD OF HEALTH



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Health members
From: Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent (REPORT)
Date: FOR September 19, 2012 MEETING

INSPECTIONS & TASKS:

FOOD -

- **Wendy's** – remodeling – met with Manager and Contractor, awaiting Board of Health application and fee.

POOLS –

- **Sturbridge Heights**, shall require a main drain and better coverage for daily testing if they wish to stay re-open in the upcoming season, (Spring 2013).
- **Outdoor World**, complaint received, to be followed-up with inspectors.

HOUSING –

- **Sturbridge Heritage Motel, #3; 501 Main St.** Multi-departmental inspection conducted with Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Fire Captain. Order sent regarding Conditions that Endanger or Impair Health and Safety, 24hr correction required. No response from the owners relative to the BoH Correction Order letters August 6, 2012 and August 20, 2012. Conferred with Town Administrator, Town Counsel and DPH.
- **34 South Rd.** re-inspection conducted, Order Letter sent, 30 day correction letter.

OTHER –

- Agent attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting on August 20th to hear the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association's (QQLA's) presentation.

COMPLAINT/NUISANCES –

- **181 Shepard Rd.** – The owner, David Pelletier, has still not complied with the existing Board of Health Order (to upgrade his failing septic system) which was served by a constable on June 30, 2012. Town Counsel advised the Agent to ask the Board of Health to address the on-going nuisance complaints regarding the accumulation of things, vehicles, and rubbish.
- **69 New Boston Rd.** – Board of Health inspection pending; tree down and bags near house, grass not mown.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS – none

TITLE 5 & WELLS –

- **66 Breakneck Rd.** – DSCP issued for Septic upgrade.
- **DSCP construction inspections** - 11 Wells Park Rd., 146 Lane 8; 126 Lane 10
- **2 Mildred Cir** – deed restriction required.
- **Title 5 Inspection reports** – 3 Glenridge (P); 13 Lakeshore Dr. (?); 131 Fiske Hill Rd, (P); 128 Paradise Ln, (P); 77 Walker Pond Rd., (?); 128 Podunk Rd., (P).
- **Plan reviews** - 4 Walker Pond Rd., 1 Cooper Rd.
- **Alternate inspections:** Mr. Morse inspected a D-Box replacement and Mr. Gobi inspected a final septic installation – while the Agent was on vacation.

REGION2 & Emergency Response – Agent did not attend any meetings due to limited time.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH – Received July bill for Harrington for \$625; John Degnan will write a letter. Call in to the Department of Public Health relative to vaccines.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL:

- **Landfill Engineering - Baler** – The fifty-year old baler died and there will be a reserve fund transfer request at the next FinCom meeting on October 1, 2012 to buy a replacement (used unit). Greg Morse has advised the Board of Health and recommends the purchase; he will be able to attend the FinCom to answer any questions.
- **DPW worker (& ½ landfill worker)** – GregMorse, DPW Director, will interview the applicants.

ADMINISTRATION:

- **EDUCATION & MEETINGS** – None.
- **OFFICE SCHEDULE & ADMINISTRATION** – None.
- **COMMUNICATION** – Follow-up inspections with Ron and Kate; status reports of enforcement on critical Housing Violations forwarded to Shaun, Town Administrator.
- **DISTRIBUTION RECYCLING CENTER STICKERS** – Mailing list pending.
- **SOFTWARE PERMITTING** – Haven't had time to practice on the new system.

Pending: Minutes from 4/17/2012

Next meeting: October 1, 2012.