

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday October 15, 2012

Meeting called to order 7:01pm.

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

Minutes reviewed: September 19th minutes reviewed; JD makes a motion to approve, LC seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0). September 24th minutes reviewed, DC makes a motion to approve, LC seconds, JD abstains because he was not present at this meeting, APPROVED (2 – 0 – 1).

Agent’s Report: Updates are given:

- **501 Main St., Heritage Motel.** Housing follow-up. Building A, (Units 1 -4) is not occupied while work occurs. Critical conditions at Building B have been corrected, except that there is a delay from the Electrical Company for the upgraded service line, and the Sewer Department has asked that a second sewage pump be installed within 60 day in order to operate in duplex operation. The Chairman states that the 60 day timeline start as of today, October 15th, 2012 because the Board of Health is maintaining the documentation relative to enforcement. The Agent states that she still must call the Assistant Director of Community Sanitation at DPH for a clarification if upgrades are made to the heating system.
- **34 South Rd.,** Housing follow-up. All of the items have been, or are in the process of being corrected. The Agent has explained to the occupants that there are no “mold regulations,” only conditions affecting chronic moisture, and that has been abated through the use of dedicated de-humidifier.
- **181 Shepard Rd.,** Continued non-compliance with Title 5 for a failing Title 5 system and nuisance issues relative to eyesore conditions and possible harborage of rodents. DC makes a motion that the paperwork is filed in the appropriate court of jurisdiction, LC seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0).
- **264 Cedar St.,** Building Permit application to expand a property on an individual Title 5 septic system, going from four bedrooms to a potential of seven bedrooms. The Agent will contact the Wastewater Section Chief at DEP for an opinion. Ms. Cocalis states that the Assessor’s Office should also be notified of the expansion.
- **Emergency Management Certification for PD,** DC has ICS 100, 200, 300; AR has ICS 100 and 700; JD has ICS 100 200, 300, 400 700 and others; LC will sign up online.
- **Flu Clinic follow-up,** Maxim did not send the clerks as promised and Melissa Beauchemin, the Senior Center Director called to inform us. Lynne went to help with registration, and next year we will look at different vendors.
- **Hyland Orchards,** There has been no activity regarding DEP action, or septic system upgrades. The last action was a perc test conducted this past spring. The Agent will draft letters of inquiry and the owners shall be invited to a future meeting.

Old Business:

501 Main St., Heritage Motel owner Mr. Dan Matte appears to discuss the progress made at his property. Discussion of the sewer ejector pump requirements, and possible efficiency unit upgrades. The Board relates that the 60 days starts today to put in the second ejector pump, Mr. Matte states that it will not take that long. He will continue with the work. The Board states that the Agent has reported upon the updates and the Board is satisfied with the work so far; the schedule must stay on track. At tonight's meeting, Mr. Matte received a copy of the written instructions about what needs to be upgraded and when, relative to the sewer ejector pump(s) from Shane Moody at the Town Sewer Dept.

MAVEN DC has been following up with the nurse at Harrington. There is discussion about notification timelines and follow-through of number of units billed. There will be a notification if the nurse goes over four units as a budgetary measure.

Landfill & Recycling Center:

LC reports that the baler came in, but there is problem with the converter set-up from single phase to three phase; it continues to be worked upon. John Booth will be taking off every Wednesday and Friday as his vacation time. There is no word on the new hire to work half-time at the landfill.

Concerns of the Members:

LC states that there are concerns about the groundwater testing at the Southbridge Landfill which shows an exceedance of Chromium levels; the Board authorizes her to write a follow-up letter to DEP. DC states that we could ask a hydrology PhD student to help evaluate the groundwater problems associated with the Southbridge Landfill, as well as help with recommendations on the installation of the Sturbridge well. LC states that CME will assist with this process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Rusiecki
Health Agent