

MINUTES

STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 13, 2013

Members present, Linda Cocalis, and Daniel Chaput. Mr. Degnan is away on vacation. Health Agent, Alyssa Rusiecki.

The minutes from December 3, 2012 and January 9th, 2013 shall be put in abeyance.

Mr. Chaput would like to know if there was any feedback from the beach testing fee and policy that was both published and distributed to the semi-public and public beach operators. The Agent responded that there was no feedback.

Agent's Report: The Agent reports on recent routine inspections and reviews. Items of note include: 1). The Town Report was due, and submitted; the Annual DEP Solid Waste and Composting Reports for the Landfill, was due and submitted to DEP. The Annual DEP Recycling report was started with the help of our past Technical Assistant, Irene Congden; the Agent is awaiting data from our contractors. There is an outstanding Housing Inspection to be followed up-upon at 499 Main Street, regarding a leaking roof; this is the second time that tenants have complained. The Agent asks about the most recent Harrington Hospital billing, exceeding \$400. Mr. Chaput will follow-up. The Board agrees to pay the bill as submitted.

The Agent states that our new clerk, Doreen Avallone, has been very helpful in following up upon outstanding Tight Tank compliance issues. Out of twenty-eight tight tanks; there are eight properties which are non-reporting, operating illegally, and potentially polluting the environment. The additional clerical help will now allow the Board of Health office to complete enforcement activities.

The Agent states that we will have similar non-compliance issues with Innovative and Alternative systems which require bi-annual or annual Operation and Maintenance (O & M) reports. One of those properties, 11 Shepard Place requires a contract with a service provider, Clearwater Recovery. The contractor reported that it appeared that the system had been turned off. The Agent states that we must send a letter to the owner indicating that it is illegal to turn off the system. The Board instructs the Agent to write a letter to this effect, and that the property could be condemned without proper maintenance as required by the State DEP and local BoH.

The Board asks about new food establishments; there is no word on the progress of Teddy G's; there is no application from the Thai Restaurant proposed for 505 Main St.; there has been no request for any Health Department inspection at Sturbridge Seafood, (part of Sal's) as of yet. Sweet Kiwi is a new proposed frozen yogurt concern at 440 Main Street.

Old Business: (Hylands Orchards): The Board asks about the permitting for Hyland Orchards and Pioneer Brewing; the application and fee for Hyland shall be held in abeyance; Pioneer Brewing has not submitted an application and fee. Emails from Gene Damon, owner of the property at which both establishments are located, state that Pioneer is in the process of selling off their equipment. There are still requirements outstanding from the Board of Health Order letter dated 1-11-2013; including but not limited to on-site sewage disposal system plans or sewer tie-in plans, due in to the Board of Health office by February

28th, 2013. **(181 Shepard Rd)**. The Board of Health instructed the Agent to contact the Town Administrator to obtain the services of Town Counsel to follow-up upon the legal matter at 181 Shepard Rd.

Correspondence: Routine correspondence regarding water testing. The Agent states that Warrants for Town Meeting are due to the Town Administrator by next week; the two potential warrants include revising the revolving account language to allow for beach testing fees to be collected, and a potential engineering account for drainage and other review issues.

Concerns of the Members: (Regarding the Southbridge Landfill's groundwater testing): Chairman Linda Cocalis and Health Agent Alyssa Rusiecki met with DEP and asked about discrepancies in the Tighe and Bond report as well as any remediation that might take place relative to elevated chromium levels in the Groundwater as exhibited in the GW monitoring wells around the Southbridge Landfill. Ms. Cocalis states that Tighe and Bond will do a 5 year analysis to identify any trends. DEP staff has not yet determined any "trends" for chromium. Arsenic also increased, according to Ms. Cocalis.

Ms. Cocalis also went to the meeting in Southbridge at which Tighe and Bond presented their report. Ms. Cocalis discusses the aquifer map and there is a possibility that DEP staff will come to an evening Board of Health meeting in Sturbridge.

New Business: (Region2 MRC SW Division) The Agent reviewed a potential plan, with budget and schedule, for sponsoring a sub-region Regional MRC recruiter for Region2 of Emergency Preparedness, to work with Alyssa and our office. The Board approves the plan and that any significant work shall be done outside of the routine Board of Health duties and hours, approved, (2 – 0).

The next meeting shall be 2/25/13.

Adjourned at 8:57, approved, (2 -0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent