

Board of Health

Minutes

April 1, 2013

Members present, Linda Cocalis, and John Degnan; Daniel Chaput is absent. Health Agent, Alyssa Rusiecki.

Members of the public: Pia Rogers. Tracy Markham. Peg and Steve Hall. Gary Allard, Jacqueline Seguin.

The minutes from December 3, 2012; January 9th, February 13th, and March shall be put in abeyance.

Variance Request: (453 Main St., Sturbridge Coffee Shop, request to pump outside grease trap less frequently than every three months). The owner, Pia Rogers, appears to ask if she can pump her grease trap less than the required quarterly increments. Discussion. Mr. Degnan makes a motion to approve pumping the outside grease trap once a year. Ms. Cocalis seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0).

Presentation: (Tracy Markham, site manager for the Southbridge Landfill). Ms. Markham discusses the Southbridge Landfill construction project. The Board has an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Markham reveals that the additional groundwater testing well for the benefit of the Town of Sturbridge has already been installed without input from the Sturbridge Board of Health Agent, Sturbridge Board of Health, and the Sturbridge consulting engineers, CME. Ms. Cocalis is concerned about the Southbridge Landfill's groundwater monitoring results and the existence of heavy metals, especially chromium. According to Ms. Markham, Tighe and Bond looked at twenty events and levels of heavy metals were "ok." DEP, in turn asked Tighe and Bond

Request from Melissa Beauchemin, Senior Center Director to utilize Rite Aid for the Senior Center flu clinic shots this year. Ms. Beauchemin is unable to attend tonight's meeting; the Board will take the request into consideration. Mr. Allard states that the Board of Health gives free flu shots in Monson. The Board members discuss Weston's model of funding their public health nurse.

Old Business: (Hylands Orchards) There still has been no submittal from Hylands Orchards relative to a septic remediation plan, however the following attendees (Peg and Steve Hall) would like to host an event, see below, at the Hyland property despite there being a Board of Health Order prohibiting any outside activities at the Hyland's Pavilion.

New Business: (Request to use Hylands Orchards for a charity run). The Board of Health will allow this one charity event hosted by Peg and Steve Hall at Hylands Orchards. No other event is allowed at the outside area or pavilion at Hylands Orchards. Mr. Degnan states that he saw a golf disc event operating at Hylands last weekend. Any event that is operating outside at Hylands, (except the Hall 5k charity run) is operating illegally.

Agent's Report: The Agent reports on recent routine inspections and reviews. The potential beach tester will attend the next meeting. The Agent is still working on the Tight Tank and I/A lack of maintenance project, when time allows. Discussion of fees, recommend adopt same fees that state uses, agree to use the highest criteria to determine the fee assessment; the list will be revised and discussed at a future meeting.

Correspondence: There is a letter from Mary White asking the Board to enforce the outstanding septic issue at 181 Shepard Rd. The Agent will follow up with Town Counsel, Greg Corbo, regarding 181 Shepard Rd., who recommended that the Town go to Superior Court on the matter.

Old Business: 35 So. Shore Rd., Mrs Giguere (of 92 So. Shore Rd.) states that there is a second house on the Seguin property at 35 So. Shore Rd. with a kitchen and a bathroom and that seven or eight years ago it was turned into a “bunkhouse.” Mr. Degan asks what do they use it for? Mr. Allard of 31 So. Shore Rd., says that the Seguin grandchildren stay there. The Board of Health states that they will ask the Plumbing Inspector if it is set-up for a bedroom or not. Mr. Allard would like to know if it is a one-bedroom or a two-bedroom. A motion is made (LC) to ask the Plumbing Inspector to evaluate the shed on the Seguin property; JD seconds; APPROVED (2 -0).

The next meeting shall be *tbd*.

Adjourned at 10:02pm, approved, (2 -0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent