

**Town of Sturbridge
Board of Health Meeting
December 16th, 2013
MINUTES**

Members: Linda Cocalis, Richard Volpe. Daniel Chaput.
Health Agent: Alyssa Rusiecki

The meeting is called to order at 6:00pm.

The minutes from November 18th, November 4th, are reviewed and accepted with minor typographical revisions.

The Agent's report:

The pool at the Host Hotel cannot be opened because it the water chemistry does not meet the State required standards. The pool must remain closed until combined chlorine is less than or equal to .2ppm. The Comfort Inn has not called for a required re-inspection at their pool; it has been reported by inspector Pollender that the required testing by the on-site operator is not being done four times a day, as required by State regulations. The Board of Health instructs the Agent to notify the owner/operator in writing that if the at the time of the next inspection, testing is not being reported four times a day, then the pool will be shut down.

Nuisances: 181 Shepard Rd., the Town Counsel reports that a receiver may have been found. 79 Breakneck Rd is reported to have an open dumpster.

The Agent notes that she met with member Dan Chaput to discuss the local well regulations. There is a draft of a new application that will be developed by the Agent for the construction season. Mr. Chaput hands out two lists: the EPA primary and secondary standards. Ms. Cocalis states that she would like to see a side-by-side comparison of our existing regulations, and proposed changes. Mr. Chaput states that there should be some decisions regarding secondary standards, such as manganese, that at certain levels may be a neurotoxin. Other levels may not have public health implications. Ms. Cocalis states that she attended a talk about "Silent Spring" at Harrington Hospital and that she thinks it is a good idea to maintain the secondary standards. Mr. Chaput discusses the possibility of separating irrigation and geothermal well regulations; he will continue to review other towns' drinking water regulations. The discussion will continue at future meeting.

The Agent also discusses changes in the Region2 Emergency preparedness funding potential.

The Board discusses the Agent's goals for 2014 and performance evaluation for 2013. The evaluations and achievements will be matched. Ms. Cocalis stated that the Agent should receive commendation for continuing to take, draft, and prepare minutes of the meetings, when all other Departments have a dedicated clerk for

taking and preparing minutes. The Board feels that all of the Agent's goals are supported. Mr. Chaput makes a motion to recommend that the Agent receives 100% of the merit raise connected to the evaluation, seconded, APPROVED (2 - 0 - 1); Ms. Cocalis abstains. Discussion, Mr. Chaput makes a motion to have the vote reconsidered, Mr. Volpe seconded. The matter is re-voted, APPROVED, (3 -0).

Old Business:

31 So. Shore Dr.

Ms. Cocalis states that it is best to take this up at the next meeting; however, there is the problem of the entire dam not being removed by Mr. Allard. There was only a notch cut in the dam, and that is not in compliance with the Order of the Board of Health. Ms. Cocalis will check with the Conservation Commission Agent regarding their enforcement action.

Correspondence: Mr. Allard's Open Meeting Law complaint is with the Town Counsel for response.

Routine scans are reviewed. There is discussion about limiting discussion to a 5 minute time. Mr. Chaput also found some typographical errors in the recycling brochure that was prepared by the DEP consultant. Mr. Chaput will review any future versions.

7:55pm Richard Volpe exits the meeting.

The next meeting on January 23rd, 2014 may open at 5pm for discussion of Recycling Center job applicants, and future fees, and any enforcement action for 31 So. Shore Dr.

8:00pm Motion to adjourn, seconded, APPROVED, (2 - 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Health Agent

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