

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2014 6pm

Members present: Linda Cocalis, and Daniel Chaput. (*Mr. Volpe absent*).
Health Agent Alyssa Rusiecki.

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Interviews for backfill special event/emergency food inspectional contractors:

Elliot Brown

Mr. Brown currently works in the IT Department at the Department of Public Health, with previous experience in Tobacco Control. He is willing to learn and needs to take the ServeSafe class, which he is willing to do on his own.

The Board discusses that, in addition to evening and weekend events, occasionally there is an emergency in the middle of the night, such as a food truck accident, and would Mr. Brown be available to drive from Sutton? He responds he will be able to do so, in most cases. The Board states the rates (\$25/booth and \$30/hr/emergency inspections) and thanks Mr. Brown for his interest. The Board will notify him.

Charles Zinser

Mr. Zinser currently works in the pest management industry, and he is familiar with many of the facilities in town. He is willing to learn and is scheduled to take the ServeSafe class, which he is doing on his own.

The Board asks if Mr. Zinser would feel comfortable inspecting a facility if the company for which he works had been involved in a pest management case. Mr. Zinser responds that the two different conditions are different and separate from each other, yet compliance with the Codes is always expected.

The Board discusses that, in addition to evening and weekend events, occasionally there is an emergency in the middle of the night, such as a food truck accident, and would Mr. Zinser be available? He responds that he is willing to be called in as necessary in off-hours.

The Board states the rates (\$25/booth and \$30/hr/emergency inspections) and thanks Mr. Zinser for his interest. The Board will notify him.

Michael Sarasin

Mr. Sarasin is not available for the meeting tonight, however, the Agent states that Mr. Sarasin is ServeSafe certified as well as a ServeSafe Trainer, and would be a welcome addition to our call-down roster.

Agent's Report

See attached report. The Finance Committee budget meeting is scheduled for 3.25.14.

Old Business

- 31 South Shore Dr. - Ms. Cocalis states that the Conservation Commission deadline expired February 20th and now we can contact Town Counsel; she will ask for a number of options.
- Outdoor Hydronic Heaters – Agent states that the Board of Health permit application must be amended since the local regulations have been remanded back to the State version by the Board of Health.
- Lynne's hours: The Finance Dept. told the Board of Health that Lynne will have to receive three hours holiday time from the Monday holiday on February 17th, 2014 from Board of Health schedule even though she doesn't work in the Board of Health office on Mondays. Mr. Chaput will follow-up with Mr. Suhoski for clarification. This will result in the Board of Health lacking in office coverage on the days that she does work, (5hrs on Tue, Wed, and Thur – typically).

Correspondence

- Request from "Kids in the Congo" to collect the cans at the Recycling Center. There is discussion regarding the nature of the charity and Mr. Chaput asks if it is registered as a 503C? Linda Cocalis stated that the author is the president, and thinks she is affiliated with St. Anne's parish. The Board states that the request must be made on an official letterhead of the charity. Then the request will be put in rotation at the discretion of Recycling Center Operator, John Booth.
- DEP email regarding "Waste Ban" compliance. The Agent states that Mr. Booth is working on the information and that our engineer, Wayne Bugden, of CME, is available to help if needed.

New Business

- With regard to rabies testing, as managed by the Animal Control officer, Ron Komar, Ms. Cocalis states that she spoke to one of the local vets who stated that they aren't being paid for the preparation of the animal heads. The Agent states that there is enough in the Board of Health budget to pay for one service a year (\$450) and that she was of the understanding that the Police Department, from where Mr. Komar works, was paying for the necessary fees.

Mr. Chaput asks, "Who brings animals there?" Linda Cocalis states that random residents are bringing animal carcasses there. Ms. Cocalis will try to get some information from the vets.

On a related note, the Agent states that she asked Mr. Komar for at least a number of animals for the annual Town Report, but that she did not get any reporting. Linda Cocalis related how the Division of Agriculture did not want to give out locations. The Board stated that the Board will forward the rabies protocol to local veterinarians.

Minutes Review

June 17, 2013 and October 21, 2013: Dan Chaput made a motion to approve; Linda Cocalis seconded. APPROVED (2-0).

Concerns of the Members

Dan Chaput asks about the new public health Inspector. The Agent states that the office is working out issues of training, scheduling, and working within close proximity in the office.

Mr. Chaput asks about the backfill inspectional contractors. The Board feels that the two interviewees would be fine additions to our call-down list. The Agent states that there isn't any reason why we couldn't add them all, because everyone is not always available for evening and weekend events all of the time. There is discussion that when a food truck accident occurs on a state road or highway, that the State Director of the Food Protection Program should be first on this list, and that the State Inspectors will be called by the Director to manage any potential food embargo. The Agent will confirm with the State whether this shall include state roads such as Rte 20 or not. When this is confirmed, the Board will let the Police Department and State Police know.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chaput and seconded by Ms. Cocalis. APPROVED (2-0).

Meeting adjourned, 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki,
Health Agent