

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 22, 2014 5pm**

Members present: Linda Cocalis, Richard Volpe, Health Agent Alyssa Rusiecki, Norma Buckley, Clerk.

Linda Cocalis opened the meeting at 5:00 pm. This meeting is a re-scheduled meeting from April 24, April 28, May 5 and May 19, 2014.

AGENTS REPORT

FOOD

- **Plan Review: The Recreation Dept. and Little League are proposing a concession stand (packaged goods only) which will be part of the existing dugout behind the DPW facility The plumbing inspector shall check the requirements for water and bathroom facilities at the sports field.**
- **Plan Review: The Recreation Dept. has plans under review to add a concession stand as part of the new soccer field design The plumbing inspector shall check the requirements for water and bathroom facilities at the sports field.**
- **Observed a state wholesale inspection with a state inspector at Baker Bill's facility.**
- **Scheduled to take a Temporary Food Inspection class at Berkshire County Boards of Health in Pittsfield, MA but it was cancelled without notice**

HOUSING

- **Green Acres Hotel complaints and violations will be rechecked at when Ron Woolhouse gets back. If they are still not in compliance a hearing will be set up.**

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

- Hair Gallery – 454 Main St., Owner - Garieri: The Board of Health has been informed that they have also put in tanning beds. No application has been received for the installation of the beds and it is not known whether they are operating them. Mr. Gareiri has been notified that an application, fee and inspection is required by the Board of Health prior to opening the tanning beds.

MISCELLANEOUS – COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Burgess School: Letter went out to parents from the school nurse about a pertussis case. A letter was never sent to the Board of Health to let us know about it. Kate will reach out to them.
- Potential rabies follow-up. One of the RRI group homes had a bat enter the home and one of the nurses had a scratch on her arm. Unfortunately the clients could not effectively communicate if anyone they had been in contact with the bat. The clients were taken to the emergency room for initial treatment. The bat was sent out to be checked for a rabies test which came back negative.
- Lead paint level concern. A private nurse from a local doctor's office contacted the Board of Health. The nurse indicated that there were four children whom exhibited "elevated" levels of lead at 5 and 6 ppm; however the level of concern per DPH is 10ppm and the state DPH will open a case when the level is 25ppm. Our public health nurse will contact the parents to discuss environmental factors.

POOLS

- The Agent is scheduling pool inspection for the summer season; many facilities have not yet called the office for a pre-opening inspection, as is required.

BEACHES

- The Agent reports that The Italian Club wants to do their own water testing again this year. The Agent suggests that the Board mandate Town testing by the Board of Health representative. The

Chair states that we allowed them to do their own testing and we will allow them to continue to do so and reports should come to us on the water quality. If the reports do not come in the Board of Health should take over the jurisdiction and do the testing, per the Board.

ADMINISTRATION

Course work: On April 23, 2014, Alyssa attended the Community Sanitation Workshop which included information on lead paint testing, and other recent topics. She did not go to the fats, oil, and grease F.O.G. workshop, (Billerica BoH) nor did she attend the MHOA quarterly luncheons #3 and #4. The DEP soil evaluator's refresher field workshop was also not attended.

RECYCLING CENTER

- The 2014 Solid Waste Facility Annual Report is completed. The Agent stated that Mr. Booth should complete this report in the future.
- The Agent states that there is another report due relative to the PAYT grant program; the Agent has already reached out to Irene Congdon, DEP Recycling Consultant.
- Facility maintenance, checked out the cost of repairs for the shed at the Recycling Center. The repairs were more costly than putting in a new one. A quote came in from "Skips Outdoor Accents" for a 10 x 16 foot shed to be built in the Recycle Center. Linda said that there is money in the budget for it.
- Received letter from Southbridge Landfill, regarding a legal action against Casella, the operator of the Southbridge Landfill and Linda forwarded it to Glenn at ConCom. There was a question about coal ash being used as cover material. Received phone call from resident on this matter and was asked if the meeting should have been an open meeting.

APPEARANCE: Mr. Chris Damon Hyland Orchards is requesting Temporary Food Permits for four special events.

May 24, 2014	BB 5K Melanoma	9 – 8	1000 people
May 31, 2014	Pan Mass Ride	12 – 6	125
June 1, 2014	Graduation	5:30 to 9:00	175
June 7, 2014	Socks for Siberia	10:00 to 6:00	225

There will be at least 4 to 6 porta- potties at certain events.
A motion to accept the requests for the special events were approved for Hyland Orchards. **APPROVED (2-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

- 31 So Shore Rd. – Another complaint was received via email from the neighbor, Mr. Giguere, complaining about the septic smell . Linda Cocalis stated that John Sequin will notify us when he opens up the pipe to the culvert that under his driveway and also notify Conservation Commission.
- 181 Shepard Rd. - DEP has copy of Title 5 complaint but we have not heard anything from the Town Counsel. The private inspector, Robbie Barnes says a deep hole must be dug near the chamber to evaluate the groundwater elevation. The BoH does not accept his findings as we do not have enough information to make a decision on this project.
- Empire Village Restaurant – Food Code Violations:
The owner, Mr. Ren was told that he had to have all violations done within one week and that the restaurant would have another inspection done at that time to make sure all these violations had been corrected.
- 136 – 138 Podunk Rd. had failing septic systems. Received new plans for the systems to be reviewed. The Board gave them a completion deadline date of September 1, 2014.
- 58 Westwood Dr., was a nuisance follow-up. The property is owned by Wells Fargo and is in the middle of a foreclosure. Wells Fargo needs to be contacted to remove the trash and either close the pool or fill it in. There has already been an enforcement letter sent and telephone contact with the representative from Wells

Fargo.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board of Health Inspector Kevin Christo resigned his position as of May 15, 2014.
- Board Member Dan Chaput has re-located so he is regretfully resigning from the Board of Health.
- Received an application for the Public Health Inspector job from Dawn Toon. Linda stated that the Board of Health will interview the applicant. The Board will give two weeks for the applications to come in to be reviewed.
- Linda Cocalis said that she talked to Shaun about posting the vacancy of member Dan Chaput, on the website and will copy Board of Selectman for any interested residents. She said that John Degnan may be interested also. The selected candidate will go before a joint meeting for a vote from the Selectman and the Board of Health.

MINUTES REVIEWED

- Linda Cocalis made a motion to accept the July 1, 2013 minutes and approve them on May 22, 2014. APPROVED (2-0).
- Motion to accept the July 15, 2013 minutes and approve them on May 22, 2014. APPROVED (2-0).
- Motion to accept the July 22, 2013 minutes and approve them on May 22, 2014. Richard Volpe approved them although he was not in attendance at the meeting. APPROVED (2-0).
- Motion to accept the August 5, 2013 minutes and approve them on May 22, 2014. APPROVED (2-0).
- Motion to accept the August 19, 2014 minutes and approve them on May 22, 2014 with changes. APPROVED (2-0).
- Motion to accept the September 27, 2013 minutes and approve

them on May 22, 2014. APPROVED (2-0).

- Motion to accept the March 17, 2014 minutes and approve them on May 22, 2014 with changes. APPROVED (2-0).
- Motion to accept the minutes from the special hearing for Empire Village Restaurant. Ron will re-inspect the violations. Motion accepted for March 31, 2014 meeting on May 22, 2014.
- Motion to accept the April 7, 2014 minutes and approve them on My 22, 2014 with changes. APPROVED (2-0)
- Motion to accept and re-approve old minutes of 1/9/13, 2/13/13, 3/4/13. APPROVED (2-0)
- June 17, 2013 minutes, for re-review, will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Re-organization of the Board:

- Richard Volpe made a motion to accept Linda Cocalis as the Board of Health Chairman and Linda seconded it. APPROVED [2-0]

The next scheduled meeting for the Board of Health will be on Monday, June 2, 2014 at Tantasqua High School at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Town Meeting.

The following regular Board of Health meeting shall be on Monday, June 16, 2014 at Center Office Building, 301 Main St., Sturbridge MA.

Linda Cocalis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm, Mr. Volpe seconded, APPROVED (2-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Buckley, Clerk

Date Reviewed: 6/2/2014
Approved: (2 - 0) LC RV

