

MINUTES

STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2014

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

Linda Cocalis opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE – 138 PODUNK RD.

- ◆ 138 Podunk Rd. Title 5 Septic upgrade less than 100 feet from neighbor's well (Scully) at 140 Podunk Rd. Seth Lejoie is representing Linda Almeida. Request for a variance 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(g). Reduction of system location setbacks from private water supply wells (but not within 50 feet of the well). Recommendation from the Agent that within 6-12 months of installation of the soil absorption system at 138 Podunk Rd. (which will be located at seventy feet to the neighboring well at 140 Podunk Rd.) that the water tests pursuant to Title 5 310 CMR 15.303(1)C(4) be conducted at the expense of the applicant, (fecal coliform/0; ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen at <5ppm). Well remediation or location, or soil absorption system relocation may be required at the expense of the applicant (Almeida) if water tests at 140 Podunk Rd., fail the above noted standard. Linda Cocalis made a motion to approve the variance with the recommendations of the Agent. Sandra Fallon 2nd the motion. APPROVED (2-0).

MINUTES

- ◆ The Board reviewed the minutes of August 4, 2014, Linda Cocalis made a motion to approve the minutes. Sandra Fallon 2nd the motion. APPROVED (2-0).

AGENT'S REPORT

INSPECTIONS & TASKS

FOOD

- ◆ Table 3 has been inspected and will be known as the Alpheus Wight Banquet hall. They will be bringing food from their other restaurants, Avellino and Cedar Street Grill.
- ◆ Received report from State Inspector on the Vibrio shellfish case from G & R Fish. We are waiting for a report on it from DPH. The shellfish are reported as coming from Duxbury Harbor.
- ◆ Wendy's had a fire in their fryalator at 12:30a.m. on Thursday August 6, 2014. The fire was put out by the employees. The Fire Dept. called Linda to inspect. An employee tried to call the general manager but the manager could not be reached. The employees did not know what food to keep or what to throw away. They had to deal with a plumber and an electrician before they could re-open. Alyssa re-inspected the following day and upon approval of the Building Inspector's office, for the electrical and gas connections, they were cleared to open.

HOUSING

- ◆ 70 Paradise Lane – Nuisance follow-up. A builder is interested in purchasing the property. The property is on municipal sewer.

COMPLAINTS/NUISANCES

- ◆ A Yogi Bear camper complained that sewage backed up and flowed onto the ground. The Agent forwarded the information to State as the campground is under their jurisdiction. The Agent talked with Dan Wright and he explained that the line was blocked with a rock and it was cleared by Slim's Sewer service.

TITLE 5 & WELLS

- ◆ 67 Walker Pond Rd. septic upgrade project has been started (Installer Soper). Singulair unit buoyancy tie downs and manhole risers are not the correct ones. Risers are ordered and will be here shortly. Other issues are the bottomless sand filter liner is not according to specification. This is a different type of liner and different installation of the liner than what is noted in the RI regulations, (note: MA DEP incorporated RI regulations for Bottomless Sand Filters). RI does not want to confer with us as it would be a liability for them on the wall and liner issue. Since this deviation is not allowed in the RI regulations, both the Agent and the installer are grappling with coming into compliance. Ultimately, the designer, Mark Farrell, who is a sanitarian, will have to take responsibility for his plan. In the meantime, Alyssa has conferred with both Greg Morse and another engineer to come up with a solution.
- ◆ 2 Hillside – Installation has commenced.
- ◆ Well – 62 Mt. Dan Rd. Have not submitted well tests.
- ◆ Well – 118 Stallion Hill Rd. Have not submitted well tests.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

- ◆ 59 Breakneck Rd. - Builder had appointment, but missed it. BoH cannot sign Building Permit, as septic may be impacted. He never came back with paperwork. It has been noted as on-hold in the “Geo” permitting system.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- ◆ Giardia follow-up has been done. No new action is required.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL

- ◆ Linda wants to hold off on the money we would possibly receive from the new sticker system at the Recycle Center. She would like to have a special account for this money to replace infrastructure at the Recycle Center.

ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ 181 Shepard Rd. - No information from Town Counsel as of yet.
- ◆ Education/meetings. Upcoming Career Track workshop on Sept. 9, 2014. The annual MOHA Conference will be held Oct. 22-24. Dawn Toon has expressed interest in attending the Emergency Preparedness (EP) Sessions at the MHOA Conference. We will be re-imbursed with proof of (EP) attendance.

Linda Cocalis made a motion to close the August 27, 2014 meeting at 5:50 p.m.
Sandra Fallon 2nd the motion. APPROVED (2-0).

The next meeting may be on Monday September 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourned 5:50pm