

**MINUTES**  
**STURBRIDGE**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**May 18, 2015**

Present Linda Cocalis, Robert Audet, and Richard Volpe; Health Agent Alyssa Rusiecki; Clerk Lynne Girouard.

Meeting is called to order at 5:37pm by Chairman Linda Cocalis.

**New Business, Resident Request Craig Moran, 45 Seneca Ln.**

Linda forwarded information to the Board of Health. Reports of mold issues and need for tree removal. Craig provides a history of the conditions of mold due to ice dams. EPA states that 1000 ppm is usual and his bedroom had a reading of 29,000ppm and he has hired a mold consultant and the house is being remediated. He has been very ill, taken to the hospital, and has not been able to breathe and a doctor has indicated that mold could be the problem. One of the remediation issues is the requirement to remove trees and/or trim trees. LC makes a motion to recommend to the Conservation Commission that the trees are removed and also trimmed to abate a health issue and to have the Agent draft a letter for Mr. Moran to the Conservation Commission. RV seconded, APPROVED (3 – 0).

**Old Business:**

1) Charlton Sunset City Motocross :

Charlton Sunset City Motocross, owner Russ Jennings appears. Mr. Jennings states that he is available to answer any questions that the Board may have and he provides his contact information. Linda Cocalis states that the item stays on the agenda under old business until resolved. Linda asks if anyone would like to add any more information. There is no further comment. Linda asks if the location of the motocross is changed by one-thousand feet. Russ Jennings stated that there was some discussion but that the location has not changed. There is discussion of the review process by the Boards in Charlton.

Russ Jennings would like to know if there is any more discussion regarding the proposed Sunset City Motocross in Charlton. LC states that there were two sets of residents, one from Charlton and one from Sturbridge, who had requested a joint meeting with the Sturbridge and Charlton Boards of Health. We would participate in a joint meeting if there is still interest but it may be premature to schedule any meeting as of yet.

2) Appointments of Board of Health agents/inspectors. In addition to the Health Agent, who has been typically appointed for a three-year term, (due 2016), the following inspectors are appointed through 2016: Tom Baltazar (beaches); Cheryl Rawinski (nurse); Wendi Denning (inspector); Ron Woolhouse, Charles Zinser, Jaime Rice, Leo Terry (alternate inspectors); Linda Cocalis (special agent); and Ron Komar, (animal inspector).

**Correspondence & Appearance:**

Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) report regarding the Southbridge Landfill. Present is Kirstie Pescie, J.D. representing citizens opposed to the Southbridge Landfill. There are four phases in the Environmental Notification Filing (ENF). There is a lengthy discussion of a berm surrounded by a wall which increases the usable area. The permitted area is far less than what is now proposed. Lengthy discussion ensues regarding the Board's

interpretation that the Southbridge landfill is exceeding the terms of their original permit, therefore, the Sturbridge Board of Health is not in favor of the Southbridge Landfill receiving a waiver for this MEPA review. A letter will be drafted.

**New Business – New beach fees:**

Lynne Girouard confirms that both the lab and the inspector's fees have increased by \$5 each, therefore the total testing amount has risen from \$50 to \$60. The Agent confirms that all of the beaches are utilizing the Board of Health beach inspector except for the Italian Club. The Agent asks if the Board still wants to uphold that condition. LC states that they, the Italian Club, can continue to do their own testing as long as they follow all of the state requirements.

**Recycling Center & Landfill:**

The Agent states that the reporting is due for the DEP program and asks if the Board has come to any decision regarding the idea of additional users at the Recycling Center. LC states that the people who work at the Recycling Center do not want any out of town residents using either the Recycling Center or the Hazardous Waste day. There is discussion of allowing small businesses, twenty employees or less, to use the Recycling Center for certain recyclables. The type of recyclables will be confirmed with Operator John Booth. LC recommends that Wendi ask businesses their interest by going door-to-door. The Agent states that she feels that a mailing would be better. We will continue to work out the details, the Board approves of the program, LC makes a motion to accept recycling from businesses with 20 employees or less; seconded by RA, APPROVED (3-0). The Board of Health accepts Keith Howes' resignation and appoints Scott Tremblay to the Recycling Center Assistant position; there is motion by LC, seconded by RA, APPROVED (3 – 0). The Board reviews the bids for the paper compactor as prepared by Recycling Center Operator John Booth and confirms his choice of bid for \$15,765.50 from Recycling Mechanical.

**The Agent's report:**

In addition to the routine matters, the Agent states that there has been no action from either of the owners of failing septic systems located at 136 Podunk (Kevin LaRiviere) and 138 Podunk (Linda Almeida). LC makes a motion for the Agent to move forward in Court and RV seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0). Mobile Food and Temporary Food permits are discussed relative to lack of notice being given to the Board of Health. The Agent states that Diane Bernazanni from the Department of Public Health has provided the state language, which requires that all Mobile Food Permit holders provide their dates, times, and locations of operation. Additionally, Diane provides an interpretation that anything beyond what is listed as their "route" shall be considered requiring a Temporary Food Permit with any fee to be determined by the Board of Health. The Agent also states that many applicants are not even providing notice beyond a day or two. The Board requires 30 days notice, and an increased fee for 15 days notice. LC makes a motion to accept the policy regarding Mobile Food Vendor location registration identification and Temporary Food Permit requirements in addition to those location registrations and to increase the late fee from \$50 to \$75 for any submittal less than fifteen days to the Board of Health office. RA seconds, APPROVED (3 - 0).

**Minutes:**

Minutes February 11, 2015. LC motion to approve, RV seconds, APPROVED (3 -0), with Robert Audet noting that he was not in attendance for that meeting. April 6, 2105, to be held in abeyance. LC motion, RA seconded, APPROVED (3 – 0).

**Concerns of the Members:**

Re-organization of the Board Members: RA motion to keep the organization the same, LC accepts the re-nomination as Chair, RV accepts the nomination as Vice-chair; RV seconds, APPROVED (3 – 0).

Linda Cocalis makes a motion that the Board will now take a roll call vote to go into Executive Session under MGL c39 §23B ¶3 to discuss legal strategy, not to re-convene in open meeting, to discuss the matter of Town v Pelletier, 181 Shepard Rd., Sturbridge, MA. Roll call, LC aye; RA aye; RV aye.

The regular meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki  
Health Agent

**REVIEWED: 6-15-2015**  
**APPROVED: LC, RA, RV**