

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2009 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet, and John Degnan. Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent and Lynne Girouard, administrative assistant. Meeting called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES — Review of the minutes of August 17th, 2009 were approved 3 – 0 and the minutes of September 8, 2009 were approved 2 – 0 (Mr. Audet was absent on that date).

INSPECTOR’S REPORT (Plumbing) – Mr. Sohenuick reports that inspections as well as accounting are routine. His invoice and worksheet were reviewed by the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT’S REPORT – Ms. Girouard provides the Board with copies of correspondence.

H1N1 – Discussion ensued about school vaccination clinics. Ms. Cocalis and Mr. Degnan will attend a meeting with Joan Dusoe, sub-contract nurse, on September 23rd, 2009. Dr. Audet, DDS will attend a certification class in October for vaccinations.

EMERGENCY INSPECTION – Chairman Cocalis reported that on Sunday, the Sturbridge Police Department reported that a sewage line had broken at the Whistling Swan and that she contacted Health Agent Rusiecki and conferred about the process. Ms. Cocalis went to the site and found that establishment had been posted as temporarily closed. The cooks on-site told Ms. Cocalis that they were told by management that they would be fired if they did not continue cooking. Ms. Cocalis observed the basement with a PD representative; saw that there had been a flood but that it was currently stopped. There was no odor evident at the time. Ms. Cocalis instructed management to stay closed until the flooded area could be professionally cleaned and to make an appointment with the Health Agent for a re-inspection on Monday. The manager reported to Ms. Cocalis that he had called Ron Woolhouse. The chefs later called Ms. Cocalis and reported that “they had been fired for leaving the facility after it had closed.”

HEARING – 36-38 Goodrich Rd. septic upgrade, owner Fred Gunn Mr. Gunn appears and presents copies of the abutter notification letter and receipt of mailing and delivery (sent to Keith Leaning 34 Goodrich Rd.). The hearing is opened and the Board reviews the following requests for Local Upgrade:

- Septic tank < (less than) 10 feet to foundation which it serves, and
- Soil absorption system < 100 feet to own and neighboring wells, (fifty feet provided).

Vote of the Board, Approved 3 – 0.

AGENT’S REPORT — Ms. Rusiecki reviewed the significant inspections since the last meeting, and reported on her follow-up inspection at the Whistling Swan restaurant, which she inspected on Monday morning, after a sewage pipe break. The facility was

allowed to re-open on Monday. Other Food Code violations were observed at the Whistling Swan during this inspection: Flooring (refrigeration), not washable-cleanable; food not covered; stored food not labeled & dated; wares, not inverted; equipment not covered/cleaned; chronic leak/dampness in basement foundation wall. The facility will be re-inspected as a follow-up inspection.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL – The steps at the Recycling Center are finished; the contractor, Al Davis, donated \$170 worth of work to the Town. The Board of Health is very appreciative of a job well-done.

CONCERNS OF THE BOARD – A bill for engineering at the landfill for inspections of the partial capping project came in from CME to the Board of Selectmen's office, and Alyssa told Mr. Racicot that the 70% completion date sounded correct but that none of the Board of Health members nor she had signed the contract for this service and that it should be on file with Mr. Morse. Mr. Racicot will follow-up with Mr. Morse; the Board of Health would like copies for their file.

The Board members are concerned that the Plumbing Inspector account is taking too much of the administrative assistant's time and have asked that the administration of the Plumbing Inspector be moved to the Building Inspector's office. Alyssa is meeting with the Building Inspector and Mr. Racicot on the issue this coming Tuesday.

Voted 3 – 0 approved, conditionally upon agreement Board of Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn at 10:25 pm
NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 10/05/09 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent