

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Wednesday January 23, 2018
Center Office Building- 2nd Floor Conference Room**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 pm

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present: Linda Cocalis (LC), Chairman
George Debusk (GD)
Richard Volpe (RV)

Members Absent:

Others Present: Erin Carson (EC) Administrative Assistant
Tricia Valiton (TC) Health Inspector
R Patel-Owner of Days Inn
Vijay Shah-Green Acres Motel

6:05pm Discussion with R Patel, new owner of Days Inn

Mr. Patel with given his permit to operate after a brief discussion about the history of the property. The Board reminded Mr. Patel that he could not rent the hotel rooms to one guest for more than 28 days; he must continue to complete the updates to the rooms per our order to the previous owner and keep his pest control up to date. Sam Patel will be the Person in Charge for the property when the owner is not there.

6:10 pm Update on non-compliance of Rovezzi's

The restaurant is going to close for 2-3 months. When the owner is ready to reopen, he will need to provide our office will all the paperwork and fees for the 2019 calendar year.

6:14 Discussion with Vijay Shah, owner of Green Acres Motel

Mr. Shah was asked to attend this meeting to discuss recent findings at a joint inspection with Health, Building, and Fire. At our last meeting, the board asked that this property empty of all guests so a complete inspection of the property could occur. The Health Inspector returned after 30 days to complete the inspection and here are the findings:

One room was occupied, the occupant told our office he has been living there for over 2 years and he was not healthy enough to move.

The rooms has evidence of rodents, water damage, chronic dampness, and sagging floors and over all poor cleanliness. The building is not meeting minimum standards for human habitation.

The apartments in the main house were inspected at that time and it was discovered that they also do not meet code.

The owner asked the board to allow him to open six rooms with cosmetic fixes and then do a complete renovation of the property later. At the recommendation of the Health Inspector, the board will only allow the Motel to open rooms or apartments when they are safe and up to code.

6:55 pm Health Agent

EC-There is an urgent need to find a qualified Agent for our Department. LC will continue recruiting and we will regroup at the next meeting.

Open Forum: The board will need to decide on a meeting night and time that could work for all members and room availability. We will look at changing to Wednesday or Thursday nights

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 pm by LC, 2nd: RV, Vote 3-0, AIF

The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair.~ Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.~ For those items that will be discussed, the Conservation Commission will address its questions and concerns with a proponent before allowing the public to weigh in on the topic being discussed with the proponent.~ For public discussion of non-agenda items, such discussion will be handled during the Walk-in period or as allowed by the Chair.

