

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

**Monday September 11, 2017  
Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Meeting Called to Order: 5:32 pm**

**Quorum Check:** Confirmed  
**Members Present:** Linda Cocalis (LC), Chairman                      **Members Absent:** Robert Audet(RA)  
Richard Volpe (RV)

**Others Present:** Jamie Terry (JT), Interim BOH Agent  
Erin Carson, BOH Administrative Assistant  
Jaime Rice (JR) Health Inspector  
**Applicants and/or Audience Members:**  
George DeBusk 105 McGilpin Road  
Arik Khan (AK) Owner of Days Inn  
Romeo Uddin (RU) Manager of Days Inn

**5:32 pm Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The Board took a few minutes to review the minutes from previous meetings.

**5:45 pm Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 20, 2017 as written:** Motion by LC; 2<sup>nd</sup> RV Vote 2 – 0, All in Favor

**5:46 pm Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 23, 2017 as written:** Motion by LC; 2<sup>nd</sup> RV Vote 2 – 0, All in Favor

**5:46 pm Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on July 21, 2017 as written:** Motion by LC; 2<sup>nd</sup> RV Vote 2 – 0, All in Favor

**5:46 Days Inn Hearing 400 Route 15**

JT-There have been 5 complaints in 8 months about your hotel with our health inspector having to make multiple visits per complaint. Your property is not in compliance with the standards in which the health department requires.

JR-The following items were included in the complaint:

- Unclean sheets
- Rust on Bathroom Fixtures
- Hair in the Refrigerator
- Heavily Stained and Soiled Carpets
- Stains in the Bathtub
- Unsanitary Conditions
- Phone covered in black grime

LC-JR, when you returned for a re-inspection were all the violations rectified?

JR-No, somethings had been addressed but not all.

JT- What are each of your roles in the Hotel?

RU-It is not my responsibility to oversee housekeeping.

AK-I am not in the building every day. I have started a log of maintenance items and RU or I will always be on property.

LC-When the Health Inspector comes out multiple times to re-inspect one property it costs our department extra money and takes time away from everyday inspections.

JR-Carpet and detailed cleaning are the main problems at the property.

AK-The main issue with the carpeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. My absence from the property has been contributing to the problems facing the hotel. Moving forward we have these items planned to fix/finish by year end:

- Finish Pool
- Professional carpets cleaning on 40 rooms
- Hire a Head Housekeeper

Switch out the Hotels lock system

JT-If changes aren't made the Board could make you hire a company to train your staff, suspend your license to operate, or impose fines upon you.

LC- The Board recommends you hire a company to train staff on proper cleaning procedures. We also recommend you hire a company to come in a thoroughly clean the property from top to bottom. The Health Inspector will come back in one month for a re-inspection.

**6:31 pm Resignation of Robert Audet**

Mr. Audet resigned from the Board of Health as of September 1, 2017. He was a great asset to the Board of Health and we thank him for his years of dedicated service.

**6:40 pm Reorganization of the Board**

RV nominated LC for Chair, Vote 2 – 0, All in Favor

LC nominated RV for Vice Chair, Vote 2 – 0, All in Favor

**6:45 pm Employment opportunities**

There are currently three open positions with the Health Department:

Health Agent

Recycling Assistant

Recycling Chemist

We have not received any applications at this time.

**Recycling Center/Landfill:** None discussed

**Correspondence:** None discussed.

**Public Comment Period:** None discussed.

**Next Meeting:** Mon, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn at 6:47 pm by RV, 2<sup>nd</sup>: LC Vote 2-0, AIF