

**Sturbridge Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes May 2, 2016**

**Present:** Board Members: Linda Cocalis, Robert Audet, and Richard Volpe.

Jamie Terry Interim Health Agent Wendi Denning Health Inspector and Lynne Girouard Administrative Clerk

**Absent:**

Chairwoman Linda Cocalis opened the meeting at 5:00pm

**Agents Report**

17Gardner Ave has a failed septic system for many years, letters have been sent. We have been waiting for a response of action on the homeowner our next step is to file with Housing Court.

**Charles Hope**

Charles Hope is a company that takes abandoned homes into receivership We will file the contact information for future reference

**CMMCP**

Central Mass Mosquito Control has started placing pellets in the catch Basin – Any Resident may call to have their property sprayed.

**Zika Update**

Pregnant women most at risk- MA DPH continues to update as information is disseminated. Robert Audet asked to add a link on the BOH website concerning the Zika Virus. Lynne will work to assure this information available.

**BOH Regulations**

Scan the revision for the board to review. Jamie Terry will take a look at the existing Well Regulations and provide comments over the next month or so.

Repair work on the Septic System at 135 Podunk Road is said to begin soon.

**Public Accommodations Inspector's Report see attached**

A discussion was had regarding the lack of paperwork that has been received regarding the proposed Porterhouse. Jamie Terry and Wendi Denning have both made requests for plans and applications. Jamie Terry will discuss with Leon.

**5:30 PM Green Acres Motel Hearing**

The Owners, Vijay Shah and Minaxi Shah, were both present at the meeting. Vijay states that they are working on fixing the violations in rooms 104, 105 and 106. The owners apologized for lying to the Inspector on the rooms that were being worked on and occupied at the same time. They have been told not to occupy these rooms until they have been re inspected by Wendi on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. They are working on replacing the wall units and new furniture in the units.

### **Additional Inspectional Hours**

Linda Cocalis motioned to bring in Ron Woolhouse on for 24 hours of temporary help. Money will be transferred to the Public accommodations line item to cover the cost. Rich Volpe 2<sup>nd</sup> All in Favor 3-0.

### **Southbridge Landfill Update**

Linda Cocalis will be updating the questions and answers review of the document will be submitted to the Sturbridge Conservation Commission of their meeting on Thursday May 5, 2016. The BOH is requesting for the testing of the wells on Fiske Hill and McGilpin Road closest to the Southbridge Landfill. There is also a Public Water Tank on Whittimore Road and a Public Water Supply located at the Green Acres Day Care Center on McGilpin Road. Linda has done extensive research dating back into the 90's on the monitoring of the Southbridge Landfill.

### **Barn Inspector**

Ron Komar, Barn Inspector for Sturbridge, will be retiring on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Ron has agreed to assist with the search for a new Barn Inspector. The State DPH will be notified when a new person is appointed as Barn Inspector. The Barn Inspector is nominated by the BOH but hired thru the Sturbridge Police Department.

Linda motioned at 6:05 PM to adjourned for executive session Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>

Executive Roll Call Vote: Linda Cocalis Yes, Richard Volpe Yes and Robert Audet Yes.

**Executive Session**

**31 South Shore Drive** The owner /resident of 31 South Shore Drive is responsible for the maintenance of the culvert at 31 South Shore Drive, Sturbridge.

**181 Shepard Road** New receiver needs to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to do a Title 5 Inspection on the property. There are valid issues by the previous Title 5 reports.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes: Tabled to the next meeting**

Executive Session adjourned at 6:25pm Roll Call Vote Richard Volpe, Robert Audet and Linda Cocalis

**Linda Cocalis Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Girouard