



## TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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DATE: March 30, 2016  
TO: Board of Health  
FROM: Kerry Stockwell, Administrative Assistant  
SUBJECT: Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
ATTENDANCE: Stephen Vigeant, Jordan Rubin, Maria Narducci, Koby Owusu-Ansah  
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Leger – Worcester Department of Public Health (WDPH)  
Patricia Sheehan – Building Inspector  
Kristen Las – Assistant Town Manager

### AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Stephen Vigeant.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Jordan Rubin made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the February 5, 2016 Board of Health meeting, seconded by Stephen Vigeant. Approved 2-0.
- 3. 285 Boston Turnpike (Commercial space) - Plumbing Variance request for no bathroom in shed.** The Board made note that the applicant, Robert Aoude, was not in attendance.

Sam's Mobile Service is using a shed on the property as an office for the purpose of selling used cars. The plumbing code requires a bathroom. The variance request is to not have a bathroom because there are two (2) restrooms within fifty (50) feet of the shed on the same property. The Board had no opposition contingent upon concurrent hours of operation so that there is access to the bathrooms.

Jordan Rubin made a motion that the Board of Health will not oppose the plumbing variance request for not having a bathroom in the shed contingent that the hours of operation run concurrent with that of the Mobile Gas Station's hours so there is access to a bathroom, seconded by Maria Narducci. Unanimously approved 3-0.

#### 4. Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA) Update

##### a) Accreditation.

On March 17, 2016, City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr. announced that the Worcester Division of Public Health / Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance had become the first nationally-accredited public health division in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

##### b) Staffing update.

Chief of Community Health – position was accepted by Alexis Travis, a Worcester native.

Regional Public Health Coordinator - Julie VanArsdalen was promoted to this position.

Epidemiologist – an offer was extended and accepted for this position.

Emergency Preparedness - Michael Borowiec made a decision to leave his role with the Worcester

Department of Public Health's Department of Emergency Preparedness. This will allow him time to focus on his full-time employment as a Shrewsbury Fire Fighter.

c) *Environmental Health.*

Phil Leger attended a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) seminar last week and will be attending an annual seminar next week.

Koby Owusu-Ansah will be attending DEP training on April 1, 2016 for sub-surface disposal with an exam next week.

Shrewsbury is working with Complete Streets. Once that is finalized, additional funding will be available from the Mass Department of Transportation (DOT).

Inspectional service breakdown since the February 5, 2016 Board of Health meeting:

Food establishments: Eighty-two (82) total  
Seventy-five (75) routine  
Two (2) emergencies:  
Shaw's – frozen pipes  
Chum Lee's – frozen pipes  
Five (5) food complaints:  
Three (3) - Chipotle (possible food poisoning)  
One (1) - Stop N Shop (package of bad chicken)  
One (1) - American Farms (expired food products)

Animal quarantines: Six (6)  
Nuisance: Seven (7)  
Housing: One (1) - reinspection conducted to close the case

Question: What actions were taken with Chipotle?

Answer: Phil Leger observed the entire food operation to include: food temperature, observing how the employees handled food, and hand-washing procedures. Nothing stood out as a public health concern. In addition, each complaint was vetted by the Public Health Nurse. The Chipotle Franchise has really put an emphasis on the employee's health. Employees must report if they are sick and are advised to stay home. None of the Shrewsbury complaints were tied to the issues transpiring at the national level.

Question: There is a lot of equipment located on the grounds at Ski Ward. Will that equipment have an impact on the upcoming Farmer's Market?

Answer: The Health Inspector will be inspecting Ski Ward prior to the event. If there are any areas of concern, they will be addressed before then. Equipment can be stored if necessary.

5. **Next meeting.** To be held on May 11, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., in Conference Room B.

6. **Adjourn.** Jordan Rubin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m., seconded by Maria Narducci. Unanimously approved 3-0.

**Correspondence:**

- Plumbing Variance request for 285 Boston Turnpike
- Monthly CMRPHA Board of Health Updates