

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2008**

7:04 PM Meeting	The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Present were Stan Selkow, William Farr, and David Favreau
7:04 PM Business	<p>The minutes from the August 7, 2008 meeting were approved.</p> <p>The Board briefly discussed a letter to from Bruce and Lisa Packard concerning 287 Princeton Rd. No action was contemplated and the letter will be filed.</p> <p>A Letter from Angelo and Carol Rossi concerning 55 Lake Shore Dr. was discussed. The Board felt that the letter asked for things that the BOH does not have the power to do.</p> <p>Mr. Favreau described further problems with water sampling from the Sterling beach. The state has complained that proper records are not being kept. Mr. Favreau's opinion is that the BOH has to take charge if they want the testing to be done right. He described a recent mix-up where the Board wanted three tests for organisms besides e. coli and got tests for e. coli at three locations. Mr. Selkow stated that he felt that Mr. Favreau is already too busy to take this on. Mr. Farr concurred and suggested further thought about this ongoing problem.</p> <p>A draft of the letter to be given to the abutters of 55 Lake Shore Dr. was discussed. The letter was supposed to provide assurance to the abutters that the BOH would be flexible in approving new well locations. Mr. Selkow suggested some changes and asked Mr. Favreau to send the revised letter to the abutters for comments.</p> <p>Mr. Favreau reported on another request for reimbursement from a Sterling resident for rabies testing. The actual testing is done without fee by the state lab, but local vets charge for euthanization and sending the head to the lab. In this case the animal control officer captured the animal and took it to the vet. Mr. Favreau suggested that we investigate entering into a contract with a local vet. Mr. Russ Philpot, who was attending the meeting, suggested that the animal control officer take the animal directly to the lab. Mr. Favreau said he would find out what the Nashoba region does and Mr. Selkow said he would talk to Al Hoffman about this matter.</p> <p>Mr. Favreau announced that the voice mail message has been changed to say that in case of emergency, dispatch should be called. This change was okayed by Chief Chamberlin.</p> <p>Mr. Favreau reported on a complaint of smoking in the DPW garage and town vehicles. Mr. Favreau talked to the DPW superintendent and Mr. Tuttle said he would monitor the situation.</p>

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<p>7:45 PM 3 Clinton Rd. Todd Raymond</p>	<p>Mr. Todd Raymond and Mr. Brian Foley, esq. appeared before the Board concerning this property. The existing septic system on this property was once a shared system that served the residence at 4 Redstone Hill Rd. and the building on this property, which was most recently in use as a hair salon. At the 11/09/2006 and 12/13/2006 Board meetings plans were presented and approved to construct a new system to serve the residence at 4 Redstone Hill Rd. The building on 3 Clinton Rd. is presently being served by the original shared system. This system passed a recent Title 5 inspection. The current owner wants to remodel this building and is seeking a bedroom determination from the Board. According to water bills dating from when the system was shared, usage was approximately 242 gallons per day. Mr. Favreau said that no bedrooms were shown on the field assessor's card. Mr. Farr suggested that the proper bedroom count was two, according to the water usage records. Mr. Raymond and Mr. Foley were willing to accept a deed restriction to two bedrooms. Mr. Farr made a motion to approve a deed restriction to two bedrooms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Selkow and approved unanimously.</p>
<p>8:00 PM 55 Lake Shore Dr. McNamara Final Variance Hearing</p>	<p>Mr. Nick Pauling of GPR and Ed and Edie McNamara, property owners, appeared before the Board with plans to replace the septic system on this property. Green cards were collected. Mr. Angelo Rossi, Ms. Carol Rossi, and Tim Corbett, abutters, were present. Mr. Selkow began by reading the relevant section of the 8/7/08 Board meeting minutes. Mr. Pauling presented the revised plans, with the changes intended to address abutter concerns with drainage. He described how the high point had been moved and the gutter system designed to direct water flow away from the Corbett's property. On the Rossi's side, a retaining wall was planned which allowed a substantial increase in the width of the drainage flow path. Mr. Pauling stated that the revised plans had been presented to the ZBA. Mr. Rossi said that although he appreciated the efforts to address the drainage issues, he still had concerns about snow and ice run-off. Ms. Rossi said that the McNamara's had agreed to take further steps to make things right if there are problems. Mr. McNamara said that that was indeed his intention. The Board expressed its appreciation of the efforts of all parties to work toward a solution. Mr. Farr made a motion to approve the plans, including the four local upgrade approvals and three variances to Sterling by-laws as described in the BOH minutes from 8/7/08. The motion was seconded by Mr. Selkow and approved unanimously. Ms. Rossi asked about the letter promised to the abutters. Mr. Favreau was directed to make the changes discussed earlier and send a draft out to the abutters for comment.</p>

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<p>8:25 PM 187 Newell Hill Rd. Gary Griffin Preliminary Variance Hearing</p>	<p>Mr. Gary Griffin appeared before the Board with plans to construct a septic system on this property. This is a new system and will be constructed in fill. The plans call for installation of an Infiltrator Systems Quick4 system. Mr. Griffin will be seeking a variance to the Sterling by-law requiring 1000 square feet of bed area. Mr. Favreau requested that Mr. Griffin supply the DEP approval letter for this system. The final variance hearing was set for 8 PM on October 9, 2008</p>
<p>8:35 PM Business</p>	<p>Mr. Alton Stone, of Alton Engineering, appeared before the Board seeking clarification before submitting plans for the design of a septic system on this property. The property is 0.27 acre and is located within 100' of Lake Waushacum. The owners want to remodel the house and add an addition without increasing the number of bedrooms, currently 4. He showed the current plans to the Board. The plans showed 4 bedrooms, but had an area that could easily be converted to a bedroom. Using the definition in 310 CMR 15.002, 9 rooms were counted. Dividing by two and rounding down gave 4 bedrooms. Given this, the Board felt that no deed restriction was necessary. Mr. Stone said that he was planning to use an Innovative/Alternative system. Mr. Favreau asked that the DEP approval letter be included with the plans.</p> <p>Mr. Favreau reported that they are behind in restaurant and stable inspections, primarily because Richard Gibbons has been out of town. He described serious violations at the Countryside Cafe on Rt. 140 and said that he and Mr. Gibbons are meeting with the owner on Saturday, September 13.</p> <p>Mr. Favreau reported on a design change to the system being installed at 89 Beaman Rd. The change is to use a Jet J-1500 system instead of the SeptiTech 400 system in the plans approved on 7/24/08. The changed plans also require an additional local upgrade approval to reduce the 12" from seasonal high groundwater to the invert. Mr. Farr made a motion to approve the modified plans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Selkow and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Brian Foley, esq. appeared before the Board to request a one year extension of the soil testing results for 45 Meetinghouse Hill Rd. The extension was granted. This is the last extension possible for this property.</p>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

William Farr
Clerk