

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2008

- 7:25 PM Meeting The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Steve Damiano, William Farr, and David Favreau.
- 7:25 PM Business Mr. Favreau updated the Board on problems with beavers adjacent to Twine Rd. There is also a developing beaver problem adjacent to the Sterling Rail Trail. According to Mr. Favreau, the property is owned by DCR, but there is also a town ditch involved. He is coordinating with Vinnie Vignaly of DCR and Sterling DPW.
- The next three meetings of the Board will be 4/10, 5/8, and 6/12, all at 7 PM.
- Dick McAllister, who is working on the Nestle project, has requested information on the property owners adjacent to the pipeline that runs from the Wekepeke reservoir to Rte. 12.
- Mr. Favreau has requested a clarification from the Personnel Board regarding his sick leave and vacation time.
- Mr. Favreau updated the Board on the status of the grant from the MDPH for emergency preparedness equipment. He showed the Board a list of equipment for purchase.
- 8:00 PM 30 Tanglewood Rd. Mr. Chris Knuth appeared before the Board to ask for assistance in settling a dispute with the owner of this property. The situation is that the septic system on this property was replaced with a Presby Enviro-Septic system during 2007. The owner wants to claim a 2007 tax credit for this system, but the Certificate of Compliance was not issued until February 2008 due, in part, to difficulties with using the Innovative/Alternative Technology filing process required by the DEP. Mr. Knuth first asked the Board if the date on the Certificate of Compliance could be changed to December of 2007. The Board was not willing to do this, but agreed to write a letter to the owner saying that the system was considered operational by the Board in December of 2007.
- 8:10 PM Business Mr. Favreau updated the Board on the WRE situation at 11 Chocksett Rd. They might have a proposal to present at the April 10 meeting. Mr. Damiano asked Mr. Favreau to obtain some information about the prior WRE operation in Hudson, MA.
- Mr. Favreau informed the Board that the permit for Sterling Health Care has been straightened out. Whitewater is continuing to work on the problems with bacteria at the site and is getting closer to being in compliance.

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8:20 PM
Larry Martin

Mr. Jack Maloney of Whitman and Bingham and Mr. Larry Martin, the owner of the building at 32 Chocksett Rd. appeared before the Board with plans to upgrade the

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septic system serving this property. Mr. Martin is in the process of ~~selling~~ leasing the space within the building and upgrading the septic system ~~as is~~ part of the negotiation process with the prospective buyer. The prospective buyer has plans to increase the number of employees at the site to 150-180 within two years. Since the location is in a Zone II aquifer protection district, a recirculating sand filter for nitrogen abatement is required if the design flow is greater than 2000 gallons per day. This threshold corresponds to about 133 employees, using the design flow of 15 gallons per day per employee.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Maloney propose to install a system designed for 200 employees at the site, but to not install the sand filter until the number of employees at the site actually cross the threshold of 133. The current number of employees at the site is about 80. The Board was not opposed to the plan, but was concerned about a means to monitor the number of employees at the site. Several options were discussed, but no firm conclusion was reached. Mr. Martin said that he wanted to think further about this and discuss it with the prospective buyer. The Board expressed its willingness to work with him.

9:00 PM
Business

Mr. Favreau informed the Board that he was interested in attending a DEP seminar at QCC on March 20. The seminar topic is private wells and Title 5. He is also interested in attending a MDPH-approved seminar in West Boylston. The Board expressed its support for his attendance at both seminars.

Mr. Favreau asked the Board for approval to purchase a vest and ID for easy identification purposes at the Sterling Fair. The Board approved.

There was a brief discussion of the stable fee article to appear on the Town Warrant. Mr. Favreau suggested a brief article be written to appear in the Meetinghouse News.

There was a brief discussion of how to amend the Sterling well regulations to provide purchasers with notification of high arsenic levels in private well water. Mr. Favreau has found an example in Charlton's regulations.

Mr. Favreau updated the Board on the status of the BOH budget request.

The Board completed Mr. Favreau's performance review.

The minutes of the 2/14/08 BOH meeting were approved.

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Mr. Favreau informed the Board of his plans to set up a computer for use by one of the Sterling seniors for data entry.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Farr
Clerk