

January 11, 2018
Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Building, Room 205
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

5:37 PM Chairman Donna Clark called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Donna Clark, Chair - present
Gary Menin, Vice-Chair - absent
Allen Hoffman, Member - present
David Favreau, Health Agent - present
Elaine Heller, Admin. Asst. - present

Attendees: Jean McNally, Robert Moore and David Sadowski

No one recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Approve Available Minutes:

A motion to approve minutes, as amended, of the December 14, 2017 meeting was made by Allen Hoffman and seconded by Donna Clark. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Health Agent Report:

Commonwealth of MA vs. Mike Cove, Cove Septic Corp:

The findings of a court date of December 8, 2017, are as follows:

Mr. Cove tendered a plea or admission and waiver of rights to: "forgery of a document, pretrial probation until December 6, 2019; no septic projects in Sterling; provide pro bono service to the town of Sterling (porta-potties only); \$9,000 restitution; \$50 victim witness assessment; larceny over \$250 by a single scheme, pretrial probation until December 6, 2019; uttering a false writing, pretrial probation until December 6, 2019. Charges brought by the Sterling Police." (Attachment)

UMass Memorial Home Health and Hospice Update:

Health Agent Favreau noted that a line item for UMass Memorial Home Health and Hospice was not in last year's budget and was included in the FY19 budget worksheet in error. There is no need for this line item and it will be removed.

Signatures Required:

Signatures were completed on annual food establishment permits, annual subsurface disposal works permits, and the 16 Sandy Ridge Road Certificate of Compliance to replace a distribution box.

Other Items:

Mr. Favreau provided his resume', as requested at the last meeting.

The Health Agent provided a list of Event Counts for communicable diseases for 2017, with 49 cases reported to DPH. (Attachment)

Public Session:

None

Appointments and Agenda Items:

Interview Applicant for Alternate Food and Septic Inspector Position, Associate Health Agent:

Mr. Robert Moore attended the BOH meeting to interview for this position. Health Agent Favreau advised members that the applicant provided three references and two references were contacted. Both gave very positive reviews and a high recommendation. After speaking with Mr. Moore, Allen Hoffman moved to hire Mr. Moore as the Alternate Associate Health Agent, with a 90-day review. Donna Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

15 Hall Ave Variance Request:

To reduce the minimum separation distance from high groundwater and the SAS as required in 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(h) from 4 feet to 3 feet & as required in Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations IV (f). Section IV (a) to reduce the leaching bed square footage, 1000 sq. ft. proposed and eliminate stone beneath the lateral pipes. Section 310 CMR 15.211 (1) required offset from soil absorption system and foundation, 20' required, 3' proposed with poly barrier.

Homeowner Jean McNally and Engineer David Sadowski appeared before the Board to address this variance request. Mr. Hoffman felt that the size of the leaching bed should be increased. After discussion with Mr. Sadowski, a determination was made to continue with the variance request at the next meeting, at which time Mr. Sadowski will present a revised variance. This will be reviewed at the meeting scheduled for February 8, 2018. The review will be held at 6:00 PM.

Review and Discuss Amended BOH FY19 Budget Total:

According to Mr. Favreau, a line item for Wachusett Home Health Care was entered on the budget worksheet in error. With removal of this item, the revised budget total is \$100,831.00. This proposed total is 1,500.00 less than previously approved during the December 14, 2017 BOH meeting. A motion to approve this budget was made by Allen Hoffman and seconded by Donna Clark. Unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Future Agenda Items:

None at this time.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Allen Hoffman and seconded by Donna Clark. All in favor; the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.