

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2012

6:30 p.m. Called to order	<p>Present: Donna Clark, Allen Hoffman, Gary Menin, and David Favreau</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve Minutes for January 12, 2012 –approved One change on January Minutes - as amended, David Favreau to make change – Gary Menin and Donna Clark approved – Allen Hoffman - abstained2. Request to place a note on web site for Title 5 Inspections requirements has been completed3. Review 2011 annual report – suggested to add number of permits, etc. – David Favreau will revise report4. Vote required creating an article on special town meeting, compensating the members 2011 stipend \$103.00 each total article request \$309 - Gary Menin motion to accept Donna Clark seconded – all in favor5. Evaluating the beaver population; it is believed that there are 75-100 beavers in the Town of Sterling waterways - David Favreau to research the law pertaining to beavers and bring it to the next meeting6. Discussion concerning daily log for Health Agent and detailed log of Assistant Health Agent; It was proposed that the log for David Favreau and Kathie Nickerson should be the same. Donna Clark and Allen Hoffman didn't see the need to survey other towns as to how Health Agents are compensated and their duties – Gary Menin stated that he did NOT agree and a survey would help with check and balances to see if our department is working efficiently and if there was a way to reduce the budget. It was also decided that signatures from the Board of Health concerning daily logs was NOT necessary.7. David Favreau noted that annual inspections for Presby Systems were no longer required per DEP – Suggested that a note be sent to all residents with this system of the change.8. Donna Clark suggested that Barry Lein should be noticed for all his work as the volunteer coordinator – re: plaque; Gary Menin to submit a letter to the Sterling Meetinghouse News with a picture taken at the presentation of the plaque.9. FY13 Budget review – Per Terri Ackerman there was no need to meet with Fincom Allen Hoffman suggested that he would just touch base with the committee to see if they have any questions.10. It was also suggested that a request for \$500 for shirts for volunteers and four nylon jackets for the members of the Board of Health and Health Agent11. It was decided to draft a letter to the resident of Ashton Lane concerning non-compliance. A non-compliant draft letter will be available at the March Meeting.12. Discussion concerning the scope of assistance to ELWA – in view of alternative approaches taken contrary to past BOH/DCR recommendations – all agreed that this should be put on the BOH March agenda.13. Protective By-Law change consideration – for strict adherence to the nominal 4' GW separation when sieve analysis is mandated due to high water levels- Gary Menin will write the change and incorporate into the by-laws and send to the DPW - All Board of Health members agreed.14. Donna Clark volunteered to perform barn inspections as needed at no charge to the Town.
7:00 p.m. Emergency Preparedness	<p>Ken Gikas presented an updated emergency preparedness book - All members were given a disc explaining the procedure. He noted that 26 cities/ towns in the region involved are fully staffed by volunteers. It was noted that the Sterling Fire Chief is in charge if an emergency should occur and</p>

Presentation	<p>Donna Clark had the format to follow in case of an emergency and would forward it to the BOH members. It was also decided that Allen Hoffman would be the PIO (Public Information Officer) for the Board of Health.</p> <p>It was also noted that Badges will be given out at the Sterling Senior Center to WRMC Members on February 29, 2012 between 4:30 – 7:00 pm in the Sterling Senior Center.</p>
7:15 p.m. 28 Maple St	<p>Final Hearing – re-designed system; Greenhill Engineering sought the following variances: 310 cmr 15.211(1) property line offset 10' required 6' proposed. 310 cmr 15.211(1) SAS offset to a foundation 20' required 11' proposed. 310cmr 15.211(1) septic tank offset to building 10' required 5' proposed. 310 cmr 15.240(5) proposed design for a two bedroom dwelling. A deed restriction limiting the use of two bedrooms shall be required. Sterling Local Regulation: section IV(a) reduction in square footage of leaching area 1000 sq. ft. to 400 ft – Noted that a Jet System is being installed – suggestions from Board – sealing of inlets and outlets to all structures – poly-barrier installed.</p> <p>All abutters notices were presented - - Engineer noted that the jet system was taken out – now a single unit with pump – 3 year warrantee – last 5-7 years – all other variances met – deed restriction to be recorded - Allen Hoffman motion to approve, Gary Menin seconded – all approved</p>
7:30 p.m. 10 Chamberlain Road	<p>Final Hearing – Variances sought: 310 cmr 15.405(1)(h) groundwater offset 4' to 3' – 310 cmr 15.405(1)(i) sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test. 310 cmr 15.405(1)(j) reduction in groundwater offset to tank inlet and outlet inverts. Sterling Local Regulation: section IV(f) groundwater offset 4' to 3' – Noted it is a infiltrator system – the Board requests C33 sand to be installed around system. All abutters notices received. Gary Menin motioned to approve – Donna Clark seconded – all approved</p>
7:45 p.m. 25 North Row Road	<p>Final Hearing – Variances sought: 310 cmr 15.405 (1)(g) setback of leaching facility to private water supply – 310 cmr 15.405(1)(j) reduction in groundwater offset to tank inlet and outlet inverts. 310 cmr 15.405(1)(k) reduction in number of deep holes performed. Sterling Local Regulation: Section IV(a) reduction in square footage of leaching area 1000 sq. ft. to 480 sq. ft. - Board stated that they would not approve the leaching facility to private water supply variance: others were approved – owner should connect to town water. Engineer has re-designed and submitted a new plan.</p> <p>All abutters notices received - To be connected to Town Water – with this being done – it was noted that the retaining walls could be removed - Approval Condition: No Construction to begin until water is connected and is inspected by the Board of Health agent making sure well is no longer connected to the house - Allen Hoffman motioned to approve – Gary Menin seconded – all approved</p>
8:00 p.m. 135 Kendall Hill Road	<p>Preliminary Hearing – Geo Services – Chris Knuth – brought information concerning variances that may be needed for a new septic system. After much discussion it was decided that all Board Members will view the property. Allen Hoffman also read a note from a neighbor informing them of her concerns. - Hearing was continued to March 8 at 7:30 p.m.</p>
9:20p.m.	Adjourned