

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2013

6:30 p.m.	<p>Call to order – Present...Donna Clark, Allen Hoffman, and David Favreau. Gary Menin could not be present due to a family emergency.</p> <p>Monthly Update: Allen Hoffman and Donna Clark briefly discussed whether any correspondence had been received regarding the June 25, 2013 letter to L.R. Favreau Septic System Service LLC regarding future permits. No correspondence had been received. David Favreau presented licenses for signature. They included three (3) for Installers and permitting for Sterling Village. Food Licenses for the Fair haven't been received as of this date. David Favreau stated that the recent test results for water quality sampling at the Public Beach dated 8/13/2013 came back with 0 E-coli.</p> <p>Gary Menin's suggestion for adding Dig Safe personal notice to the Board of Health's web site. David Favreau would not recommend putting Gary Menin's personal notice on the web site as he feels that currently this is a Department of Public Utilities regulation and not a Board of Health regulation. Residences have already expressed their difficulties to find information on the web sites. Adding this notice to the BOH web site would create more confusion for residence to navigate through. The Board members felt that the content was more in the form of a public service announcement and would be more suitable for publication in the Meeting House News or Landmark.</p> <p>Training for the Health Agent in public health procedures and tasks by shadowing Leominster Health Officials was discussed. . David Favreau was encouraged to pursue this as a training option. Donna Clark and Allen Hoffman stated that they were concerned David Favreau hasn't taken any vacation time. They feel it is important that he do so. David Favreau agreed. Last fiscal year David did not take any vacation time. He lost one week of vacation time and was allowed to carry two weeks of vacation time forward into this year. Allen Hoffman also noted that the arrangement between Leominster and Sterling involving Chris Knuth does not seem to be an equal exchange of services but rather a one way flow of services to Sterling and should be examined further.</p> <p>Motion was made by Donna Clark to have David Favreau attend the upcoming Inspectors Training in Hudson on November 13, 14, and 19 at a cost of \$250.00; Allen Hoffman seconded; no discussion; all approved.</p>
6:50 p.m.	Public Session – no one attended

<p>7:00 p.m. 21 Newell Hill Rd</p>	<p>Variance request Greenhill Engineering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Variance to 310 CMR 15.211(1) the proposed SAS does not meet the required setback from a property line, 10 ft. required; 5 ft. proposed 2. Variance to 310 CMR 15.211 (1) the proposed SAS does not meet the required setback from a foundation, 20 ft. required; 10 ft. proposed 3. Variance to 310 CMR 15.211 (1) the proposed SAS does not meet the required setback from a wetland bordering a tributary to a surface water supply, 100 ft. required; 80 ft proposed. <p>Explanation was given by Mark Farrell of Greenhill Engineering as to the above request. Linda Rana of Newell Hill Road also listened to the explanation. After all concerns were answered Donna Clark made a motion to approve Variances 1, 2 and 3 for 21 Newell Hill Road; Allen Hoffman seconded; no discussion; all approved.</p>
<p>36 Swett Hill Rd</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Variance to 310 CMR 15.104 Percolation testing. Due to high groundwater a percolation test was not performed. The loading rate was determined by Particle Size Analysis (PSA) performed in accordance with the DEP Alternative to Percolation Testing Guidance Document 2. Variance to 310 CMR 15.212(1) The proposed SAS does not meet the required setback to seasonal groundwater, 4 ft. required; 2 ft. proposed (Presby sand filter system). <p>Allen Hoffman questioned why there was no perc test done in the flat area; Mark Farrell explained it was due to drainage. Allen Hoffman and David Favreau stated they could not approve the second variance unless it was changed from 2 ft. to 3 ft. Mark Farrell agreed to make the change. Donna Clark made a motion to approve variances 1 and 2 with the change from 2 ft. to 3 ft; Allen Hoffman seconded; no discussion; all approved as amended</p>
<p>7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board met with Joan Langsam of DPH , Legal Technical Associates to discuss the Inter-municipal Agreement between municipalities participating in the Montachusett Public Health Network (11 cities and towns) desiring to share key public health services and costs associated with these services. Allen Hoffman questioned article 13 concerning public employees; it was explained that they work per our request. Allen Hoffman was also concerned about insurance, but it was noted that the town has insurance. Joan Langsam did state that they are still working on the fee structure. She also noted that there are several grants that would qualify for the project. The agreement would need to be signed by the Selectmen and that it was her goal to make sure that the Board of Health was on board. Allen Hoffman moved to have the Board of Selectman approve this agreement; Donna Clark seconded; no discussion; all approved 2. Gary Menin – position of Article 52 – not present <p>Barbara Roberti and Matt Marro, Conservation Agent, of the Sterling Conservation Committee went over several items that Gary Menin brought forward in recent e-mails concerning the quality of the lake. One by one Matt Marro responded to Mr. Menin’s questions and articles stating that some went back many years and do not pertain to the lake now. Barbara Roberti stated again that the residents have worked very hard and spent large amounts of money to keep the lake up to code. She also stated that the water quality has been improving each year. Board Members, Donna Clark and Allen Hoffman feel that it is time to put this to rest as Article 52 was voted on at the May 2013 Town Meeting.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Gary Menin would like the Town of Sterling to take ownership of the Wekepeke Water Source. It was agreed to table this until Gary was present at a future meeting. 4. Water supply issue...it was agreed that a letter be sent from the BOH to the DPW Board, Selectman, and Fire Chief offer to have a joint meeting regarding the concern for an additional municipal water supply.
8:00 p.m.	Meeting Adjourned