

Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2014

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| 6:30 p.m.-                  | Meeting called to order by Chairman, Gary Menin who stated that he would be recording the meeting as a public citizen and would make it available for anyone requesting a copy on the cloud for all to review. Present Gary Menin, Allen Hoffman, Donna Clark, and David Favreau  |
| General                     | <p>BOH Agent</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 12, 2014 Minutes: Gary Menin made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Allen Hoffman seconded, no discussion, Hoffman aye, Menin aye, and Clark aye, all in favor.</li> <li>2. 1 Mortimer Road, Housing Complaint: Letter sent to owner for the repairs to be completed within 14 days. A re-inspection by Agent, David Favreau will be performed.</li> <li>3. Hurricane and Tornado Emergency Preparedness, Recovery and Readiness Seminar: David Favreau and Barry Lein attended the day-long seminar on June 21, 2014. David Favreau stated that the training consisted of emergency issues after a hurricane or tornado. Matters to include contaminated domestic water supply associated with food establishments and flooding damage resulting from this.</li> <li>4. Mr. Forrest Price, Regional Emergency Office...replacement for Ken Gikas: David Favreau suggested that it would be a good idea to invite Mr. Price, to speak to the Board. David Favreau will contact him to see when he would be available.</li> <li>5. Garbage disposal draft for the web site: David Favreau presented a copy of the draft to the Board. Gary Menin requested that it also be attached to the minutes. In addition, Gary Menin will do an informational article for the Sterling Meeting House News. Allen Hoffman made a motion to put the draft on the web site; Gary Menin seconded, no discussion, Hoffman aye, Menin aye, Clark aye, all in favor.</li> <li>6. Grant Update – David Favreau stated that a request for grant in the amount of \$1,179.97 was received for Emergency Preparedness. This is to be used for updated computer equipment (laptop and software).</li> <li>7. Gary Menin made a motion to move the August meeting to August 21, 2014; Allen Hoffman seconded, no discussion, Hoffman aye, Menin aye, Clark aye, all in favor.</li> <li>8. Signatures – Signed by Gary Menin: Sterling Health Care Facility Private Nursing Facility, Private Wastewater Treatment Plant and Operating Conditions for the Sterling Village Nursing Home.</li> <li>9. Donna Clark made a motion to sign the Performance Review of the Health Agent, David Favreau. Allen Hoffman seconded, no discussion, Hoffman aye, Menin aye, and Clark aye, all in favor.</li> <li>10. David Favreau had been requested to update the Board regarding his earned vacation time. During the last fiscal year he gave back 56 hours of vacation time since he didn't take this as vacation time and cannot carry it forward into FY 2015.</li> </ol> |
| 7:00 p.m.<br>Public Session | <p>Mosquitos...discussion between Board Members concerning the West Nile virus which was found in Clinton. Allen Hoffman presented an article written by Joan Eliyesil at the Harvard Press which outlines information about Mosquito Protection. David Favreau will contact Ms. Eliyesil to see if she would allow the Town of Sterling to put this information on the Sterling web site.</p> <p>Mosquito Spraying...Gary Menin raised the question of mosquito spraying in town by individual contractors and whether or not a permit is required to do spraying by these companies. Gary Menin will look into it further and report back to the Board at the next meeting.</p> <p>33 Main Street...Gary Menin raised the question of the building's condition...peeling paint, possibly leaded. It was noted that this issue has been discussed at past BOH meetings. Gary Menin stated that the BOH is not the meri maids and that this is not a direct health related issue. Further Gary</p>  |

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|                           | Menin stated that he researched and discussed this matter during March, 2012. As it is a commercial building and there are no children involved, it was concluded that this matter is not actionable through the BOH under the present conditions.   |
| 7:10 p.m.<br>Agenda Items | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Permit Signatures...Motion was made that only one Board Member needs to sign permits; all members agreed.</li> <li>2. Permit Process....It was noted that it is important that annual food service permits for restaurants be renewed prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It was suggested that all permit renewals be sent out in November for completion by December 31. If not renewed by December 31, an additional fee would be imposed.</li> <li>3. Annual Performance Reviews...Allen Hoffman suggested that the review be conducted in April.</li> <li>4. Montachusett Regional Public Health Network Fees....process is ongoing with all towns within the network to ensure comparable fees. A membership fee of \$300.00 for each town within the network has been established and implemented as of July 2014.</li> <li>5. Kidney &amp; Bladder Cancer...Gary Menin spoke with Brenda at the Environmental Health Agency in Boston and was told that they were not presently concerned with the DPW workers in 2004-2005 as the number of cases was small and with no further reports there was no evidence of a continuing problem.</li> </ol> |
| Future Items              | Gary Menin to report on Mosquito spraying<br>Montachusett Public Health Network Permit Fee structure   |
| 7:40 p.m.                 | Motion to adjourn – Hoffman aye, Menin aye, Clark aye, all in favor  |

**ADVICE NOTICE  
REGARDING GARBAGE GRINDERS**

**Title 5 Regulations require that the installation and usage of garbage grinders should only be utilized with a septic system that is specifically designed to accommodate this necessity. This requirement is due to the fact that a garbage grinder introduces large amounts of solids to your system which can cause permanent damage to the soil absorption system (SAS). Adding food wastes or other solids reduces your system's capacity. Typically the capacity of traditional SAS are not sized or designed accordingly to support the use of a garbage disposal. The use of a garbage grinder is often the cause of septic system failure.**

