

September 8, 2022

Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Building, Lower Level Conference Room
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

6:03 PM In Chairman Hoffman's absence, Vice-Chair Cathie Martin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Allen Hoffman, Chairman – absent
Anne Marie Catalano, Member – present
Cathie Martin, Vice-Chairman – present
David Favreau, Health Agent – present
Elaine Heller, Administrative Assistant – present

Attendees: Chris Knuth, David Sadowski

General Business Updates:

Approve Any Available Minutes – August 11, 2022:

A motion to table the minutes of the August 11 meeting was made by Catalano and seconded by Martin.
Roll call vote: Catalano – aye; Martin – aye. Motion carried.

Health Agent Report: Sterling Fair 9/9 through 9/11 inspections:

The Health Agent performed inspections prior to the Fair opening on September 9, and Saturday September 10.

Signatures Required: Done

DPH – Interagency Updates:

Ms. Martin highlighted information from Interagency meetings: The drought is at a Critical Level 3.
There is a monkeypox information sheet on the CDC website.

There is information on Mass.gov regarding known exposure precautions to COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status.

The Department of Education has noted that quarantine is no longer required nor recommended for children or staff in school settings, regardless of vaccination status.

Other Items: None

Appointments and Agenda Items:

176 Clinton Road Variance Request:

Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations: Reg. IV.a., Leach beds to be 1000 square feet minimum, with 12" of stone beneath the pipes (750 sq. ft. of stone and pipe bed system provided with 12" stone beneath pipes).

Reg. IV.f., Leaching facilities 0-1,499 GPD shall be constructed with the following minimum 4-foot separation distance to estimated seasonal high groundwater (3 feet separation is proposed).

Local Upgrade Request: 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h): Reduction of the required 4-foot separation between the bottom of the leach area and the estimated seasonal high groundwater table (3-foot separation provided between the bottom of the leach area and the estimated seasonal high groundwater table). David Sadowski, principal of DJ & Associates, represented the homeowner on this variance request. This is a one-bedroom home, with a 1500-gallon tank proposed. According to Health Agent Favreau, the variance meets all town requirements.

A motion to accept the variance request as written with a one-bedroom deed restriction was made by Catalano and seconded by Martin. Roll call vote: Catalano – aye; Martin – aye. Unanimous vote.

246 Worcester Road Variance Request:

Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations: Reg. IV.a., Leach beds to be 1000 square feet minimum, with 12” of stone beneath the pipes (1088 sq. ft. of Presby type system provided with no stone beneath pipes).

This variance request was presented by Chris Knuth of Geo Services. A motion to approve the variance for a Presby System was made by Martin and seconded by Catalano. Roll call vote: Martin – aye; Catalano – aye. Motion carried.

Review of Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date:

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM, in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Butterick Building.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Martin and seconded by Catalano. With both in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Materials: None