

January 10, 2019
Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Building, Lower Level Conference Room
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

5:31 PM Chairman Donna Clark called the meeting to order.

Ms. Clark asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. Both David Favreau and Gary Menin indicated they would be recording.

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

Attendees: None

Approve Any Available Minutes:

Health Agent Favreau requested a reconsideration of minutes for the November 8, 2018 meeting. Minutes contained a comment attributed to Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Barry Lein, which Mr. Lein stated to Health Agent Favreau that he did not make. Allen Hoffman made a motion to strike the sentence with Mr. Lein's name. Gary Menin disagreed. Donna Clark was not present at that meeting and could not vote. At this time, the minutes will remain in draft status.

A motion to approve revised minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting was made by Allen Hoffman and seconded by Gary Menin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Health Agent Report:

None

Signatures Required: 2019 Installers License, 2019 Haulers License, 106 Pratts Jct. Rd.

Certificate of Compliance:

All signatures were completed.

Public Session:

None

Appointments and Agenda Items:

Gary Menin: Discuss the Age Requirements to Purchase Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products:

A MA state law recently approved raised the age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products to 21 years old. The law preempt Boards of Health at the local level from raising the age to 21 across the board; instead, the law allows:

- In year 2019, a person must be 18 years of age to purchase tobacco products.
- In year 2020, a person must be 19 years of age.
- In year 2021, a person must be 20 years of age.

The Health Inspector will inform each establishment of the requirements of this law when doing health inspections.

Discuss FY20 BOH and Animal Inspector Budget:

Member Hoffman commented that a vote had been taken at the December 2018 meeting to increase the salary of the BOH Administrative Assistant by \$1,348.00 per year.

Discuss Topics for All-Boards Meeting 1/23/2019:

Members discussed goals for the Board, to be presented at the all-boards meeting:

- Staffing issues
- Storage of EDS equipment
- Support of the retention basin development in area of Hall Ave & North Cove Rd.

Gary Menin: Follow-up with 11/13/2018 Site Visit Findings re: Campground Road & 3 Smith Ave Complaint:

Gary Menin visited the site on November 13 and detected no septic issues. He did note code violations regarding a property owner running a junk yard at his location. The complainant was advised to contact the Building Department of the code issue.

Gary Menin: Follow-up Discussion on Storage of EDS Equipment and Supplies:

No discussion, as this topic will be addressed at the All-Boards meeting.

Gary Menin: Landmark Article, East Lake Waushacum Association Looks to Fix Septic System Through Soil Testing:

Members discussed this topic, noting the article was misleading. The Board of Health supports action of a retention basin; there is no bacterial problem at the Lake.

Gary Menin: Re-review of Animal Inspector Report:

Mr. Menin suggested the Animal Inspector submit a quarterly report, instead of a yearly report. Mr. Favreau reminded Mr. Menin that last year Mr. Menin had required an annual report from the Animal Inspector in which has been provided and reviewed by the Board members, and asked what might be suggested next year.

Review of Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date:

The next BOH meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2019, at 5:30 PM in the Lower Level Conference Room.

The property at 209 Worcester Road may be on the agenda in February if there is no response to letters recently sent to the present and former owners.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Menin and seconded by Allen Hoffman. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.