

November 14, 2019  
Sterling Board of Health Meeting  
Butterick Building, Lower Level Conference Room  
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM                      The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donna Clark.

**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:**                      Selectwoman Arden Sonnenberg, Steve Sears, David Goguen,  
Michael Goguen, Ellen and Jack Hehir, David Duarte

**Approve Any Available Minutes:** Deferred to next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Allen Hoffman will prepare a rough draft of the clothing bin regulations, and will present them at the January 14, 2020 meeting, pending his schedule.

**Health Agent Report:**

209 Worcester Road Title 5 Inspection Update:

Health Agent Favreau noted a Title 5 inspection at this property has not been completed. A small addition had recently been built over a cesspool, with a concrete slab, walls and roof. The Title 5 inspection was not fulfilled as the cesspool could not be accessed. After a brief discussion, Board members agreed the Title 5 requirement will need to be accomplished in spite of the recently constructed addition.

All Boards Meeting November 18 at 6:30 PM:

The Board of Selectmen requested this meeting, asking that each committee/board present their goals for FY 21. According to Selectwoman Sonnenberg, the presentation should be a 5-minute touch-base only, with general goals to be accomplished.

Board members suggested:

- Commit to connect the 1835 Town Hall to the Fire Station septic system
- EEE Debate - to sponsor a warrant article re: joining the Mosquito Control Program in FY21
- Collection Bin Regulations implementation
- Posting of meeting minutes in a timely fashion
- Mr. Menin suggested a discussion regarding rodenticides, with no use on town property. Mr. Hoffman is opposed as he would require more information from other Boards, and is concerned

about the impact on food establishments, including schools. This topic was put on Hold. Mr. Menin's (unabridged) list of goals as presented at the meeting is attached.

Rabies Clinic at VCA:

The rabies clinic is scheduled for February 29, 2020.

Public Hearing - Proposed Floor Drain Regulations:

The public hearing has been posted and is scheduled for December 12, 2019.

FinCom Meeting 11/25/19 - Reserve Fund Transfer Request:

An RFT request will be submitted to the Finance Committee at their next meeting on November 25. There is currently \$68.00 remaining in the BOH expense budget; \$5,500.00 is being requested. Allen Hoffman made a motion to submit the reserve fund transfer request in the amount of \$5,500.00, due to current and ongoing legal expenses. Donna Clark seconded the motion. Vote: Hoffman - aye; Clark - aye; Menin - nay. Motion carried.

Signed Vaping Resolution sent to Representatives: This was accomplished.

Signatures Required: Completed

**Public Session:** None

**Appointments and Agenda Items:**

Variance Request: 108 Maple Street: Sterling Subsurface Sewage disposal Regulations Reg. IV.a., Leach beds to be 1000 square feet minimum, with 12" of stone beneath the pipes, or 750 square feet leach trenches with 12" of stone beneath the pipes. (420 sq. ft. Sand bed using a Presby System meets Title 5).

Steve Sears, of David Ross Associates, appeared before the Board in regard to this variance. The homeowners are upgrading their system from a cesspool to a Presby System. Health Agent Favreau noted there will need to be a 2-bedroom deed restriction on this home. After discussion, member Menin made a motion to accept the variance as noted. Hoffman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Discuss 15 Redstone Hill Road Complaint:

Michael and David Goguen appeared before the Board, as they are now the owners of the property. Their father is recently deceased. Health Agent Favreau read a letter the Board sent to the property owners about a large collection of debris on the site, which violates the state of MA sanitary code. The Board is looking for a reasonable resolution. According to the Goguen brothers, as of today, there are 2 dumpsters on the property and cleanup is being done. It will take time, but progress will be made.

Discuss Mosquito Control Program for FY21:

Mr. Hoffman submitted a draft motion he is proposing the Board approve as a warrant article for the next annual town meeting. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hoffman made a motion to have the BOH approve the warrant article. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Menin suggested the BOH sponsor a debate on this subject stating there needs to be awareness.

Executive Session:

At 6:24 PM Vice-Chairman Menin moved to enter into executive session for reason #3, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation – 3 Fox Run Road, and to return to public session only to adjourn. Allen Hoffman seconded the motion. Hoffman – aye; Menin – aye; Clark – aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

At 6:54 PM Menin moved to reconvene in public session. Hoffman seconded. Menin – aye; Hoffman – aye; Clark – aye. Motion carried.

Materials: draft motion, Menin goals