

July 16, 2020
Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Building, Lower Level Conference Room
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

6:33 PM Member Cathie Martin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Gary Menin, Chairman - present at 6:42 PM
Allen Hoffman, Member – present
Cathie Martin, Member - present
David Favreau, Health Agent – present
Elaine Heller, Admin. Asst. – present

Members Hoffman and Menin attended via video conferencing. Favreau, Martin and Heller were present in the Butterick Building.

Attendees: Jack Maloney, Mark LePaine and Arden Sonnenberg via video conferencing,

General Business Updates:

Approve Any Available Minutes:

A motion to approve revised minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting was made by Cathie Martin and seconded by Allen Hoffman. Roll call vote: Martin - aye; Hoffman - aye. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Health Agent Report:

Failed Title 5 Inspection Reports: 190 Chace Hill Road, subsurface sewage design upgrade submitted. Mr. Favreau advised Board members this project has been permitted and the system is being upgraded.

20 Fox Run Road septic system bedroom count concern: In 2016, a septic system upgrade was designed for 3 bedrooms. The Assessor's field card for the property indicated there were 5 bedrooms. The owners now want to sell the property with a 5-bedroom count. As the septic system is designed for 3 bedrooms, it cannot be listed as 5 bedrooms.

DPH 2020 BOH Arbovirus Coordinator Questionnaire Completed: Member Hoffman and Health Agent Favreau are the contact representatives for the Board.

Discuss FY21 Pay Rate for Alternate Food and Septic Inspector: The last rate of pay for this position is \$30.00 per hour. The FY21 schedule has been revised for an increase in pay. Mr. Favreau noted the pay rate for the same position (new hire) in Uxbridge is \$35.00 per hour. Mr. Hoffman suggested an increase in the rate to \$35.00 per hour and Gary Menin made a motion to increase the rate for this position to \$35.00 per hour. Cathie Martin seconded the motion. Vote: Martin - aye; Hoffman - aye; Menin - aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Beach Testing: Health Agent Favreau has tested the public beach water 4 times so far this season, and limits have not been exceeded. As noted by the public, the clarity of the water has been phenomenal.

Signatures Required: Completed

Organization of the Board of Health: Allen Hoffman suggested Cathie Martin be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Health and Gary Menin agreed. Mr. Menin made a motion that Ms. Martin be appointed as Chairman to the end of the calendar year, then to be re-evaluated. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Hoffman - aye; Menin - aye; Martin - aye. Motion carried.

Public Session: None

Appointments and Agenda Items:

Variance Request: 15 Fox Run Road: Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations - Reg. IV.a., Leach beds to be 1000 square feet minimum, with 12" of stone beneath the pipes (1326 sq. ft. Sand bed provided using a Presby System, without the use of stone beneath pipes).

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 ground water table (2-foot separation provided between the bottom of the leach area and the estimated seasonal high ground water table).

310 CMR 15.405(1)(a): Reduction of system setback locations for: property line 10' required 7' proposed.

310 CMR 15.405(1)(b): Septic tank to cellar wall 10' required, 9' proposed, S.A.S. to cellar wall 20' required, 16' proposed.

Jack Maloney of Ducharme and Dillis appeared before the Board on this variance request. After discussion, Board members Hoffman and Martin agreed the 2-foot separation between the bottom of the leach area and estimated seasonal high ground water table is an issue; a 3-foot separation is acceptable. Mr. Menin noted he found the 2-foot separation to be acceptable.

According to Mr. Maloney, there are no wells involved, as there is town water at this location.

After further discussion, the variance was tabled and Mr. Maloney agreed to submit a revised plan to the Health Agent. The Board will hold a special meeting on July 23, 2020, at 9:00 AM to review the revised plan and vote on the variance request.

Review of Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be as noted for the variance request. The regular monthly meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2020, at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathie Martin and seconded by Gary Menin. Roll call vote: Martin - aye; Menin - aye; Hoffman - aye. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.