

March 11, 2021
Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Building, Lower Level Conference Room
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

6:03 PM Member Gary Menin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Cathie Martin, Chairman – absent
Allen Hoffman, Member – present, remote connection
Gary Menin, Member – present, remote connection
David Favreau, Health Agent – present, on site
Elaine Heller, Administrative Assistant – present, remote connection

Attendees: Brian Millisci, John and Linda Roseberry, and Jane Beckwith

General Business Updates:

Approve Any Available Minutes: February 11, 2021 – In the absence of Chairman Martin, approval of the February 11 minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Health Agent Report & Correspondence: COVID Clinic: -

Discuss Coronavirus: (A) Town of Sterling Updates

(B) DPH State Updates

(C) Vaccination Distribution Plan Review

Health Agent Favreau reported a COVID Clinic was held for residents ages 75 and over, for both first and second doses. Vaccinations are also being provided to home-bound residents.

At this time, the Governor's office will no longer release vaccines to local health departments to hold independent vaccine clinics. Instead the Governor's office will only release vaccines to Mass vaccination clinic sites which they have specified. Rutland has been considered a Mass Vaccination site as they have the capacity to store the Pfizer vaccine at its required temperature. Sterling is working with Rutland and our residents are receiving their vaccinations through the Rutland Mass Vaccination site.

Mr. Favreau noted there are 16 positive COVID cases in Sterling at this time, per DPH. He did a review of the meeting notes provided by Cathie Martin and commented that the BOH office has received many calls from residents in regard to the clinic held at the Senior Center, expressing their appreciation for an effortless system of providing vaccinations.

As there was approximately 30 minutes until the next appointment, Allen Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at 6:40 PM. Gary Menin seconded.

The meeting reconvened at 6:40 PM.

Appointments and Agenda Items:**8 Old Princeton Road Variance Request:**

Local Upgrade Request: 310 CMR 15.211 Minimum Setback Distances - 200 foot setback from septic tank/pump chamber to tributaries to surface water supplies is required. (Septic tank/pump chamber is proposed 115 feet from edge of tributary)

310 CMR 15.211 Minimum Setback Distances - 200 foot setback from soil absorption system (leaching facility) to tributaries to surface water supplies is required. (Soil absorption system leaching facility proposed 101 feet from edge of tributary)

310 CMR 15.211 Minimum Setback Distances - 100 foot setback from soil absorption system (leaching facility) to wetlands bordering surface water supplies is required. (Proposed leaching facility proposed 79 feet from edge of wetlands)

Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations: Reg.IV.K - Leaching facilities shall not be located closer than 100 feet to a water body. (Leaching facility is proposed 79 feet from edge of wetlands)

Brian Millisci of Whitman and Bingham represented the homeowners on this variance request for a septic system upgrade on a failed system. According to Mr. Millisci, there is a brook and vegetative wetlands on the property and he has been working with Vincent Vignaly from DCR.

Mr. Favreau has spoken with Mr. Vignaly who is satisfied with the proposed plan as it pertains to the brook and wetlands.

With the possibility of discovering ledge once work begins, Mr. Millisci will notify the Board of any necessary changes. According to Mr. Favreau, a permit would be issued once a revised plan is received.

Mr. Hoffman suggested a confirmatory test hole be done before construction. Mr. Menin asked that the design drawing be revised so as to list cognizance of and compliance with the Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, Surface Water Supply Protection Zone A as included in 310 CMR 22.00.

Mr. Hoffman then made a motion to approve the variance request with the requirements noted above and Mr. Menin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hoffman - aye; Menin - aye. Motion carried.

Review of Future Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hoffman and seconded by Menin. Roll call vote: Hoffman - aye; Menin - aye. Unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Materials: None