## Board of Health Meeting Minutes October 18, 2012

## **Business**

6:37 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Allen Hoffman, present Allen Hoffman, Gary Menin, and David Favreau – Mr. Hoffman stated that in the 1980's Sterling did belong to the Massachusetts Mosquito Project, but in the mosquitoes were considered just a nuisance and not a public health threat; however, due to the expanded conditions of West Nile Virus, it may be time that we reconsider joining again.

## **Information on Mosquito Control Project**

Presentation by Timothy D. Deschamps, Executive Director of Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project

Mr. Deschamps gave a detail description of how mosquitoes start and thrive as time goes on.

Several questions were presented by audience members.

Mr. Deschamps stated that towns do need to be members in order to take advantage of their organization. Once a town is a member he noted that residents can decide what they would like to have done on their property, as well as town officials deciding what action they would like to have done on town property. However, in order to become a member of the Project, the town would need a majority vote either at a special or annual town meeting. The funding source would be withheld from the State Cherry Sheet assessment. Mr. Deschamps stated where our budget starts in July, if agreed to be funded at town meeting, he would start the initial screening as soon as approved by town meeting. The cost per year is \$62K with a three year commitment.

7:50 p.m.

No Board of Health action taken on other items - Adjourned