

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2012

<p>6:34 p.m. Called to order Chairman Allen Hoffman</p>	<p>Present: Donna Clark, Allen Hoffman, Gary Menin, and David Favreau</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2012 at 6:30pm. 2. February 9, 2012 Minutes...correction of the spelling of Allen Hoffman's name. Minutes approved at the end of the meeting.....motion Allen Hoffman; second Gary Menin; all approved. 3. Ashton Lane Letter....make the changes, have board members sign document and get it delivered. 4. Discussion of the job descriptions for the Health Agent and Associate Health Agent will be tabled until the April 12, 2012 BOH meeting. 5. Discussion of Health Agent Position as to whether or not it is exempt or non-exempt. Allen Hoffman will draft a letter to the Personnel Board and send it around to the Board for suggestions/changes. 6. Representations of the BOH at other Boards and Committees...care needs to be taken that if a Board Member does attend other Board and Committee Meetings that they aren't representing the Board of Health unless specifically requested by the BOH to do so. 7. Hard copies of journal logs for Agent and Associate Agent have been presented to the Board for review. Future Journal Logs will be sent electronically. 8. Identifiable Clothing for BOH and Agent. Motion by Allen Hoffman to do a seasonal jacket for the Agent. Gary Menin second with all approving. 9. Add a 15-minute public session into each meeting....agreed that it should be from 7pm to 7:15pm with 5 minutes for each topic. No decision to be made at the first meeting. If a decision is to be made it would come at a future meeting agenda. 10. 2013 Budget...Allen Hoffman made a motion to approve; Donna Clark seconded; approval from Allen and Donna with Gary Menin opposed. 11. Meeting postings...it was agreed that all meetings with a majority of the Board Members present, including site visits, would be posted 48 hours prior to each meeting. 12. Emergency Planning for next year....Gary requested that he would like to see what type of time is spent on Emergency Planning. Allen will meet with Dave Hurlbut, Emergency Manager, to discuss. Gary would like to attend if he is available.
<p>7:20pm 65 Redstone Place</p>	<p>Geo-Services/Chris Knuth representing the homeowner. Discussion to Sterling Local Regulation...Section IV (d) "System Design" septic tank should be monolithic variance. The operative word is 'should' not 'shall'. Is it a variance or not? The Board agreed that the intent of the regulation was to be sure that the tank was in good condition and not patched. The present tank is in good condition and need not be changed as attested to by Eric Stuart, a licensed Title 5 Inspector. Therefore no variance required in this case....the system was approved.</p>
<p>7:30pm 135 Kendall Hill Road Final Variance Request</p>	<p>Geo-Services/Chris Knuth representing the homeowner. It should be noted that the BOH with Chris Knuth did a site visit on 3/2/2012. Mrs. Clark (homeowner) was present at that time. Gary Menin made a motion to approve the system; Donna Clark seconded; all approved.</p>

<p>7:40pm Agenda Items</p>	<p>ELW Discussion...Gary Menin discussed past reports. Gary wants the Lake Association to move forward with a solution and he feels there have been enough reports; it is time to act. Barbara Roberti addressed his concerns and said they were doing as much as possible. Yes, the solution is probably a Waste Water Treatment System/sewering for the Lake but that isn't feasible due to the lack of funds. The Underwood Proposal that was done wasn't anywhere near what would be required to get the work started on the sewerage costs. The Conservation Commission still has the \$5000 that was voted on at the last Town Meeting in May of 2011 for this purpose. There is no current article on the 2012 Warrant.</p> <p>Allen Hoffman said that he would speak to Meridith Zona at Fay Spofford to see if they did that type of work and approximately what it would cost.</p> <p>MRC Unit...Barry Lein suggested that we align with Leominster and Fitchburg which will put us in the Wachusett MRC. We are presently in the Worcester MRC. The BOH agreed. Barry will make the recommendation to MRC.</p> <p>Sterling Regulation Changes.....there were some things that the BOH feels should be changed in the next go-around...they would include: ...wording on the monolithic tank needs to be more specific. ...at locations not served by Town water, when site testing is accomplished under (saturated) conditions a sieve analysis for perc-rate determination is required by Title 5. Then variances to these offsets should not be granted.</p> <p>Montachusett Regional Health Coalition.....discussion as to whether or not we should join. The cost for the next 4 years would be \$900 per Donna Clark's investigation. Donna made a motion to join, Allen Hoffman seconded; approved by Allen and Donna with Gary voting no as he doesn't see the need for an added expense.</p>
<p>8:35pm</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Allen Hoffman; second Donna Clark....all approved.</p>