

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2013

6:40 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Business</p> <p>Meeting called to order – Present – Allen Hoffman, Gary Menin and David Favreau</p> <p>General Business updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve minutes of January 10, 2013 with changes. Gary Menin motioned to accept minutes with changes; Allen Hoffman seconded; no discussion – all approved2. Gary Menin presented an advisory letter that he has received today via fax from Mr. Gerald Wood of 22 East Park Road. Resulting from a previous verbal complaint from Mr. Gerald Wood, this advisory letter outlines limited corrective activities to date.3. David Favreau presented the 2012 Annual Report to the Board, approved by all members.4. Ethics Training – Allen Hoffman & Donna Clark are all set; Gary Menin needs to renew his this year as it is out of date.5. Discussion about the article of Mosquito Control that will be placed on the town warrant. It was agreed that Allen Hoffman would be spokes person at the Town Meeting regarding Mosquito Control. The information shall be presented to the Town Residents at Town meeting to vote on this article. Gary Menin made a motioned to place it on the May 2013 warrant; seconded by Allen Hoffman; no discussion – all approved6. 18 Sherwood Drive: update members to requirements needed for compliance. Establish as a future agenda item for discussion.7. School effluent pump issues were discussed by David Favreau stating that there are 3 pumps at the school – one went down some time ago (not determined how long ago has been out of service) and had not been replaced, 2nd pump also down (not determined how long ago pump has been out of service); only one pump is functional at this time. This has been brought to the attention of the BOH resulting from an odor compliant investigation. David Favreau stated that the school custodian is working with a contractor to resolve this issue. It was suggested that Allen Hoffman contact the principal to make certain he is aware that this could be a very serious issue if and when the last pump stops working.8. David Favreau stated that all department heads worked very closely during the recent storm; no emergency location was needed.
7:00 pm. Public Session	<p>Richard Maki stated that there are State grants available for the replacement of older version Hydronic Heaters to upgrade to the new Phase II version heaters. Certain prerequisites must be obtained by applicants to receive this grant.</p>

<p>7:15 p.m. 2013 Goals</p>	<p>Proposed Board of Health Goals for 2013 –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gary Menin will put the BOH meeting agendas on the E-news site. Unfortunately the deadline for the Meetinghouse News doesn't coincide with the posting of the BOH Agendas so the e-news may not be correct when the final BOH Agenda comes out. 2. Gary Menin would like Sterling's Emergency Preparedness Action Plan posted on the web site. Due to personal information of volunteers within this document it will not be posted publicly. 3. Flu Shots for 2013 - David Favreau will be meeting with the Montachusett Public Health Network on February 20, 2013 and will update the Board after the meeting. 4. Town Wells – David Favreau will contact Bill Tuttle, DPW for update. 5. Discussion of an "action plan" for East Lake Wachascum such as sewer the area and a watershed district for the area– Again Allen Hoffman noted that the Board of Health can suggest plans; however, if the residents are not in agreement there is not much more the Board can do at this time. 6. Montachusett Public Health Network involvement/benefits for 2013 – meeting scheduled for February 20, 2013 7. Review of comparable Towns – Board of Health Operations – Gary will research. 8. Summary of Board of Health Activity permits issued, soil testing, Title 5 witnessing. 9. Advance notification for upcoming activities David Favreau will notify members with as much advance notice as possible for their partaking. 10. Sharps policy - no decision as to how these are to be disposed of.
<p>8:00 p.m. Outdoor Hydronic Heaters</p>	<p>Present – Charla Kroll and Martha Hawley both residents of Chace Hill Road, Sterling</p> <p>Both parties again blaming severe health issues that they feel are a result from the Outdoor Hydronic Heaters. Gary Menin again stated that at this time he feels that the Board has already done all they can do...having been to the site over 45 times and Michelle Delmarie from air quality section of D.E.P. evaluating the site, not finding any problem with the OHH in the area. Gary Menin will contact the Department of Public Health to see if they have any advisements with this issue.</p>
<p>8:30p.m.</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

Attachment...G.Wood Letter

To Whom It May Concern

Please be advised that issue with the septic system located at 22 East Park Drive, is being actively worked on to get the system to the point that it is operating as it needs to be working in order to be safe, healthy for all parties concerned.

As background information, some in September, I noticed that there was a smell of what seemed to be waste in September of 2012. At that time, I did contact Mike Cove, since he was the septic installer. Since that time, we have been working together to determine what the issue was and how to best resolve the issue.

To determine the issue, Mike did perform the following work at no cost to me:

1. Dye Test - To determine which bathroom(s) were not hooked into the new system. The test was performed in all 4 bathrooms and revealed that just one bathroom was not properly hooked in
2. Discovery Excavation - Was performed to determine where the missing pipe was and to determine if it could be hooked up into the new system.

Unfortunately, the pipe is too low in the ground, since water will not run uphill, we needed to come up with some alternative ways of getting the bathroom hooked in the new system. Once again, at no cost to me, the following step have been taken to correct the issue:

1. Plumbers were brought in to brain storm ideas, such as putting a pump in and other such ideas
2. Run a new line from inside the house to get the bathroom properly hooked in

We are pursuing running a new line. At this point, a new trench has been dug inside the house. I am aware and will ensure that permits as well as whatever other paperwork that may be required will be properly obtained.

While this has taken longer than any one would like, the delays have been a combination of mother nature, me not being able to home, as well as Mike having other jobs he is working on.

I am very happy with the attention I am receiving from Mike, and look forward to bringing this situation to end in the very near future. Should you have any questions, please feel to call me any time at 978-563-1063

Sincerely,

Gerald Wood

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