

July 9, 2015
Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Municipal Building, Room 205
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Allen Hoffman, Chair
 Donna Clark (not available)
 Gary Menin

BOH Agent David Favreau

Attendees Barry Lein
 Gary Griffin
 Scott Salks
 Matthew Kaesther

Admin. Asst Kathleen Nickerson

6:30pm – Chair, Allen Hoffman, called the meeting to order.

Gary Menin noted that he was recording the proceedings as a member of the public and that they would be available on the cloud for those who are interested.

Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2015, motion made by Gary Menin to approve the minutes as amended.

Allen Hoffman seconded; discussion - none; all in favor.

June 4, 2015 Executive Session, motion made by Gary Menin to approve; Allen Hoffman seconded; discussion - none; all in favor.

Emergency Preparedness for Disabled Individuals

Allen Hoffman attended a seminar on the topic and wanted to report back to the Board to be sure that Sterling is prepared. Barry Lein, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, feels that we are prepared through the Fire Chief and the Council on Aging relative to the availability of accurate lists of affected individuals/families in Town. Allen Hoffman wanted to know if there was something additionally that the BOH should be doing. Barry Lein said there are a number of booklets available that would help enlighten the Sterling population.

Gary Menin asked about the prospects for a near future Town wide drill to ascertain our readiness. This notwithstanding, Gary requested that Barry report to the Board periodically relative to activities, updates and readiness of our Emergency Preparedness program – with the first such report at our

September meeting. Mr. Hoffman stated that it would be more appropriate to ask him back when we had specific issues to discuss.

The BOH should ask the COA what kinds of emergency lists they maintain and discuss at the August Meeting. Barry Lein gave out a Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition Article giving resources for People with Function or Access Needs.

Agent Report

- Effluent pump at Houghton School...pump replaced week of July 13, 2015
- 85 Clinton Road anonymous complaint of flowing sewage...couldn't be found.
- Update on Jane Brunetta and tax workoff program...The consensus was that the Board has done all it could at this point in attempts to get Jane compensated. After discussion Gary Menin agreed to follow up further on the issue.
- Installers' Licenses issued to Glen Hines and Gerald Nelson.

7:00pm – Appointments and Agenda Items

Lots 10 & 11 Worcester Road, Gary Griffin representing SMS Realty Trust and Scott Salks. Variance request to 4.6.4 Aquifer and Water Resource Protection District to allow the construction of a four-bedroom septic system on each lot. Presently the rules say two- bedroom systems. After going over the 1992 request for the 8 lots of which 6 were sold; reapplying in 2002 for a variance which was granted, they are now reapplying for the same approval for Lots 10 & 11 that was granted in 2002.

Gary Menin made a motion to grant the variance with conditions; Allen Hoffman seconded; discussion – none. The variance letter will be updated with the appropriate conditions as in 2002.

Public Session – 52 Bean Road, Matt Kaesther...A question arose as to a “records” discrepancy -septic design indicates 3 bedrooms, whereas the assessors card indicates it's 4 bedrooms. Prospective buyers desire a 4-bedroom occupancy allowance. The best way to ascertain adequacy for a 4-bedroom occupancy is to have the system professionally re-evaluated for the increased flow in concert with a separate soil evaluation.

Appointments and Agenda Items (continued)

MPHN subcontracted inspector/Rita McConville's Performance

Gary Menin spoke to Steve Curry who indicated that Rita was within her authority when she performed a soil evaluation at a LR Favreau job on Woodside Drive. Allen Hoffman indicated that State Code based on 310 CMR 15.018 (1) states otherwise.

As the main concern over Rita's actions related to the assumption of excessive liability on behalf of the Town, Gary Menin suggested that the BOH no longer observe Title 5's, as was done in all years previous

to 2011 and as is done with most other comparable Towns in Massachusetts – and in so doing completely avoid any question of liability. The point was debated without prospect for a change in policy.

David Favreau presented a warrant and receipt indicating payment to the MPH N for services. This invoice payment was in question and resolved during the June 4th meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding between Sterling BOH and MPH N was discussed. This will be brought to Steve Curry by Allen Hoffman and David Favreau at the next MPH N Meeting in July. David Favreau will speak to Mike Szlosek about the MOU. It will be brought up at the August Meeting for signature.

Elaine Heller and Work done for the BOH....the BOH will pay for those hours amounting to \$144.98. Gary Menin made a motion to accept; Allen Hoffman seconded; discussion – none; all in favor.

Special Town Meeting will be 10/5/2015.....warrants need to be in by August 28.

Opioid Discussion will be held at the August meeting as Allen Hoffman would like to have Donna Clark involved.

Next Meeting...would like to change it from August 13 to August 6. Menin and Hoffman agreed to the change but instructed to check with Mrs. Clark to make certain that she could attend.

8:05pm – Gary Menin motion to adjourn; Allen Hoffman seconded; all in favor