

September 10, 2015  
Sterling Board of Health Meeting  
Butterick Municipal Building, Room 205  
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Board Members            Allen Hoffman, Chair  
                                 Donna Clark  
                                 Gary Menin

BOH Agent                David Favreau

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

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Board Members	Allen Hoffman, Donna Clark, Gary Menin
	BOH Agent	David Favreau
	Admin Asst	Kathleen Nickerson

**Attendees:**

Steve Sears, Roland and Marie Wade, Jerry & Deborah Stefanski, Bob Cutler Jr., Doris Bennett, Jen Satkowski, Tom Blebor, Gary Shepard, Christopher Wall, John Weir, Chris Knuth.

Gary Menin noted that he was recording the proceedings as an individual and that they would be available on the cloud for those who are interested.

**Minutes:**

July 9, 2015 Motion to Accept by Gary Menin; second Allen Hoffman; all in favor.

September 2, 2015 Motion to accept as amended by Donna Clark; second Allen Hoffman; all in favor.

August 6, 2015 referred to 10/8/2015 Meeting as the Minutes weren't available.

**Health Agent Report**

**2015 Beach Season** update on testing...there were no incidences that necessitated the closing of the beach due to bacteria.

**Annual Flu Clinic**...due to a lack of serum the re-scheduled date is 10/7/2015.

**MPHN Meeting and signed MOU**...Allen Hoffman and David Favreau attended the 8/27/2015 meeting. The MOU was accepted.

**Stan Selkow** was speaking with a neighbor on the Cape who had been on the BOH in Carlisle. They got into a discussion about timely inspections associated to scheduling system inspections. Stan said he had no complaints to the process or scheduling of inspections in Sterling. The neighbor stated that her experience in Carlisle has been scheduling inspections has been booked out as much as two and three weeks for an inspections.

**187 Chace Hill Road** failed T5 Inspection in November 2014 as there was water  $\frac{3}{4}$ ' above the inverts and there had been no one living in the house for a year. A week ago everything was dug up...the D Box looked normal as well as the field. The owner is petitioning the BOH to reconsider the fail in November 2014. The Board agreed that the T5 of November 2014 stands as is. A letter will be sent to that effect.

**BOH Meeting Material**...discussion as to material for a meeting being into the BOH Office at least a week prior to the meeting. This is something that had been discussed and voted on back in the Spring. It was suggested that a letter go out to the Engineers in the area that this is the policy. It should be put on the web site as well.

**Public Session**....no one stepped forward.

### **7:00 pm Appointments**

**108 Heywood Road** Variance Request/Steve Sears of Ross Associates represented the homeowner. Variance to reduce the minimum separation distance from high groundwater and the SAS as required in 310CMR 15.212(1) from 4 feet to 3 feet as required by Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations IV (f). In addition Sterling's Disposal Regulations IV (a) requires 1000 sq.ft. with 12" of stone beneath the bed; the Presby design is proposed without stone as it is accepted with sand.

Abutter, Doris Bennett is very concerned that the new system will further degrade her system due to bedroom count, french drain, general drainage, etc. some of which the BOH has no jurisdiction over. However, she was assured that the system would be compliant with State Code and Sterling Regulations. It was decided to have the Board do a site walk before making a decision; in particular the offset for a drainage swale is in question. This will be tabled to the October 8, 2015 at 7p.m.

**19 Redstone Hill** Variance Request/Steve Sears of Ross Associates represented the homeowner. Sterling's Subsurface regulations IV (a) require 1000 sq.ft. with 12" stone beneath for a bed; proposed 600 sq.ft. with 6" stone. In addition they want to use the existing 1000 gallon septic tank instead of the 1500 gallon monolithic septic tank required by Sterling's regulations IV (d). There is a great deal of ledge on this property. This is a voluntary upgrade as the system isn't failing. Motion made to accept the variances with a three bedroom restriction by Donna Clark; second Gary Menin; all in favor.

**46 Beaman Road** Variance Request/Gary Shepard represented the homeowner. Sterling Regulation IV9a) requires 1000 sq.ft. for a bed; 416 sq.ft. is proposed. In addition they want to reduce the minimum separation distance from high groundwater and the SAS as required in 310CMR 15.212(1) from 4 feet to 3 feet and as required in Sterling's regulations IV(f). This property is surrounded by wetlands. The DCR, Vinny Vignaly correspondence says that he is okay with the 200' offset. This is a Presby System. Gary Menin and Allen Hoffman would like the plan to show the 200 foot offset. Motion made to approve the variances once the new plan is received the Agent, David Favreau...by Gary Menin; second Donna Clark; all in favor.

**5 Woodside Drive** Variance Request/Chris Knuth representing the homeowner. Variances requested: 310CMR 15.211 offset from wetland to SAS 100 ft required; 40 ft proposed. Variance request from wetland to septic tank 100 feet required; 31feet proposed. Variance request from wetland to pump chamber 100 feet required; 38 feet proposed. Variance request soil absorption system offset from foundation wall 20 feet required; 10 feet proposed. This is a Presby System. DCR, Vinny Vignaly is okay with the offsets. Gary Menin would like a bigger poly barrier. Chris Knuth is suggesting to the owners that there be a split rail fence put on the edge instead to prevent anyone from driving over it. Motion made to accept the variances with the condition of the fence by Donna Clark; second Allen Hoffman; all in favor.

8:25 pm Motion made to adjourn by Gary Menin; second Allen Hoffman; all in favor.