

Monday, May 23, 2016
SPECIAL Sterling Board of Health Meeting
Butterick Municipal Building, Room 205
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA. 01564

Meeting Minutes

5:01 PM In Donna Clark's absence, Vice Chairman Gary Menin called the meeting to order

Roll Call: Allen Hoffman, Member - present
Donna Clark, Chair - present (arrived 5:25 PM)
Gary Menin, Vice Chair - present
David Favreau, Health Agent - present

Attendees: Lea Frantz
Karen Packard
Chris McKenzie, Whitman and Bingham Associates

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

Main Agenda Item:

To review the following three variance requests relative to an upgraded system proposed for 20 Redstone Place, resulting from a proposed home sale and attendant T5 failure.

- (1) To reduce the minimum separation distance between high groundwater and the SAS as required in 310 CMR 15.212 (1) and as required in Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations IV (f) from 4 feet to 3 feet.
- (2) A local upgrade approval request from 310 CMR 405 (1)(I) - RE: Allowance for a sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test.
- (3) A variance from Sterling Subsurface Sewage Disposal Regulations IV (a) - RE: Requirement for 1000 square feet SAS with 12" stone beneath bed so as to allow a 789 FT(2) leaching area without stone.

Relative to these three requests: Number (1) was approved. Number (2) was approved. Number (3) was approved insofar as the leaching area be extended as necessary to maintain the 1000 FT(2) area requirement. Associated motion(s) made and voting as follows: Al Hoffman Aye, Donna Clark Aye, Gary Menin Nay. (NOTE: Mr. Menin's objection related to the fact that soil saturation necessitated a sieve analysis and as such, in his opinion, such "wet" conditions warranted adherence to the regulations' four foot offset requirement.)

Supplemental Agenda Items - Review/Approve Two Past Executive Session Minutes

October 8, 2015 Executive Session Minutes - Motion to Approve (with minor) comment by Al Hoffman, Seconded by Gary Menin, All Approved.

November 12, 2015 Executive Session Minutes - Motion to Approve (with significant comments) by Al Hoffman, Seconded by Gary Menin, All Approved.

Correspondence:

David Boyer Letter concerning 24 Clinton Road Septic Breakout (Status as of May 17, 2016) presented by Agent - discussion deferred to future meeting.

Other Items:

Al Hoffman inquired as to status of outstanding requests from LR Favreau concerning requested inspections. BOH office and Agent have not been not in loop with such request. This has been discussed in past and a Board requirement. Kathie Nickerson will follow up with this request.

Signatures:

Several food permit applications submitted for signatures - satisfied after adjournment.

Adjourn:

Ms. Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Menin. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.