

November 9, 2017  
Sterling Board of Health Meeting  
Butterick Building, Room 205  
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

5:32 PM Chairman Donna Clark called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Donna Clark, Chair - attended by remote connection  
Gary Menin, Vice-Chair - present  
Allen Hoffman, Clerk - present  
David Favreau, Health Agent - present  
Elaine Heller, Admin. Asst. - present

**Attendees:** Brian Marchetti, L.R. Favreau, Ed Thomas, John Glowik, and Ed Plante

Gary Menin noted he was recording the proceedings of the meeting. David Favreau indicated he was recording the proceedings as well.

**Approve Available Minutes:**

A motion to accept minutes, with noted changes, of the October 12, 2017 meeting was made by Allen Hoffman and seconded by Gary Menin. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Health Agent Favreau advised there are problems with the septic system at the Over Easy Cafe, which was replaced in 2006. Will French is attempting to determine if a redesign can be done before the ground freezes.

**Health Agent Report:**

Commonwealth vs. Mike Cove, Cove Septic Corp., matter Court Date of October 27, 2017:

Board members were told the October 27, 2017 court date was postponed until December 8, 2017.

Mutual Aid Inspection Provided to Westminster BOH:

The Westminster Board of Health requested Sterling Health Agent Favreau witness an inspection needed for property in Westminster. Mr. Favreau provided the service gratis to Westminster.

Discuss Proposed Basement Office Space:

An article for additional funding is being sought during the special Town meeting November 14, 2017 in order to complete the basement renovation; once completed, the Board of Health office will move to the newly-completed area and will have a secured office space.

**Signatures Required:**

Signatures were completed, as necessary.

**Other Items:**

Mr. Favreau noted inspection fees need to be raised for Fay Spofford inspections, which are performed at Sterling Village, for package plants and large systems. A public hearing for this process must be duly advertised.

**Public Session:**

None

**Appointments and Agenda Items:**Discussion 32 Chocksett Road Industrial Waste Water Storage:

Representing Prime Wellness, to be located at 32 Chocksett Road, were John Glowik and Ed Plante. A building permit application has been submitted for industrial wastewater storage. There are two additives to be used on organic marijuana plants at the grow facility, Shine Bloom Additive and Veg and Bloom RO/Soft. It is estimated that approximately 80-100 gallons per day of such waste water from the plants, will be generated which contains salts and minerals, will go into a holding tank, which will then be trucked off the property. The representatives questioned if this water is a permitted use as the location of the grow facility is in an aquifer protection district.

Member Allen Hoffman referred to Chapter 4.6.3 - in the town bylaws. Page 29, Item D(1) states that hazardous or toxic materials must be in an above-ground storage tank. An indoor storage tank must have 100% containment. Mr. Glowik and Mr. Plante advised they will comply with the containment requirement and will submit a formal design. Mr. Hoffman referred them to the MA state code 314 CMR 1800 - MA, Holding Tanks Information.

Prime Wellness assured the Board that the holding tank(s) and associated containment will be designed by a licensed PE and that transport of the waste water off site will be manifested as required by Federal and State statutes.

Discussion: Lot 1 North Cove Road Requirements for Buildable Lot:

Mr. Ed Thomas, property owner, and Brian Marchetti, Engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss Lot 1 on North Cove Road. This lot, one of four, has many restrictions, will not perc, and is not buildable. The homeowner would like a letter from the BOH stating the lot is unbuildable, so he will no longer be taxed for a buildable lot. Mr. Menin suggested that the owner might consider the pursuit of a conservation restriction on the property and thereby provide for a reduced tax burden. Mr. Hoffman suggested the Board check with town counsel on the best way to handle this situation. Mr. Menin made a motion that the subject be presented to town counsel for a determination and Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Vote: Gary - aye; Allen - aye; Donna - nay, as she could not see the plans presented at the meeting, due to her remote participation.

Mr. Favreau will present the question to town counsel and their response will be a topic on the December agenda.

Health Agent Favreau scheduled the next BOH meeting for December 14, 2017, at 5:30 PM, in Room 205 of the Butterick Building.

Review of Future Agenda Items:

A discussion was held on water filtration filters, which can trap radon, and can be disposed of in household trash that is picked up in town. This situation recently occurred in town and remediation was costly. Mr. Menin will check into how radon gets trapped in a filter and report at the next meeting.

Herbicide spraying in town was also discussed. Mr. Favreau advised that spraying, which is done by a licensed person at the DPW, has been completed for the season. Mr. Menin suggested that a benign spray, rather than Roundup, be used, or that the designated areas be mowed.

Donna Clark questioned the status of the opening for an Assistant Health Inspector. Mr. Favreau commented that no resumes have been received to date.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donna Clark and seconded by Allen Hoffman. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.