

December 6, 2023  
Sterling Board of Health Joint Meeting  
With Select Board  
Butterick Building, Room 205  
1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564

Meeting Minutes

6:39 PM Chairman Allen Hoffman called the Board of Health meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Allen Hoffman, Chairman – present  
Anne Marie Catalano, Member – present  
David Favreau, Health Agent – present  
Elaine Heller, Administrative Assistant – present

**Joint Meeting between the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health: Interim Appointment to fill Vacancy of Board of Health Member.**

This interim appointment to the Board is due to the resignation of one member. Three candidates have applied for the position: Richard Lane, Val Pruneau, and Gary Menin.

The first candidate to speak was Richard Lane. He is upset with a letter sent to residents with their light bills and an article in a local newspaper in regard to the recent regulation enacted by the Board regarding an observation hole requirement. If selected to fill the vacancy, his mission is to reverse the regulation.

The second candidate was Val Pruneau. He has approximately 12 years of Board of Health experience, served on the Watershed Boards of Health, was a Title 5 inspector and has 34 years in town government.

The last candidate was Gary Menin, a former Board of Health member. He withdrew his application and gave his support to Mr. Lane.

Mr. Hoffman nominated Val Pruneau for the position and Ms. Catalano seconded the nomination. Cranson - nay; Newman - nay; and Smith - nay.

Ms. Cranson nominated Richard Lane with a second on the nomination by Mr. Smith. Cranson - aye; Smith - aye; Newman - aye. Hoffman - nay; Catalano - nay.

With a vote of three in support of Mr. Lane and two opposed, he was elected to fill the interim position on the Board of Health.

**Adjourn:**

Ms. Catalano made a motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting and Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 7:07 PM.