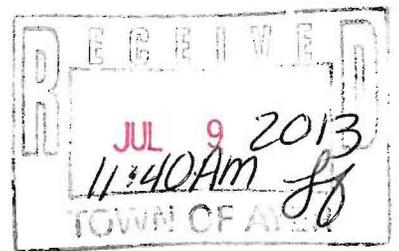


Ayer Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2013 - Ayer Town Hall - Call to order 5:39 p.m.



Members present: H. Hasz, Chair; M. Spinner Clerk; P. Papineau, Member

Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant

Documents: Agenda, Mail Update, Draft BOH recycling letter, J. Hillier slide presentation

- School recycling grant – Melissa Macdonald of the Ayer Recycling Committee was present.
  - The Committee is helping Ayer-Shirley Regional School District apply for a School Recycling Assistance Grant from the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).
  - Signatures have been received from both Town Fire Chiefs, Shirley Board of Health, the School Committee and school administration; still needed are Ayer BOH and Ayer DPW. There are also approx. 50 signatures on a petition of support.
  - The goal of the grant is to create a coordinator position dedicated to recycling efforts who will tie together the efforts of the four regional schools, look for places to improve and expand, and maximize the amounts being recycled. Areas include paper, cans, bottles, and cardboard as well as composting, milk cartons.
  - Recycling responsibilities are currently being done mostly by teachers and students. The coordinator would also bolster volunteer support in all schools. DEP's goal is for the program to be self-sustaining by grant end.
  - The grant also includes equipment – bins, intermediate collection containers, and signage.
  - Recyclables are singlestream except for paper and cardboard, which go to different recyclers.
  - The Board reviewed the Committee's application. H. Hasz noted that the content of the draft BOH letter of support is the same as the Letter of Commitment in the grant packet.
  - **P. Papineau motioned to have BOH sign MassDEP's School Recycling Assistance Grant Program Commitment Letter, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
  - The Recycling Committee expects to hear about the grant in September or October.
- Medical marijuana dispensary – John Hillier, owner of Central Ave. Compassionate Care (CACC), was present. H. Hasz noted this presentation is to gather information on the operation itself and not to discuss moratorium, legal, or moral issues.
  - CACC plans to apply to Mass. Dept. of Health for registration as a medical marijuana facility.
  - Medical marijuana dispensary law approved in November 2012 and went into effect in January 2013 to provide medical marijuana to patients with debilitating illnesses (ALS, MS, cancer, AIDS, Parkinson's, etc.), as determined in writing by a qualifying patient's certifying physician.
  - This will be a retail facility. It will not be open to the public, is by appointment only, and is open only during business hours. Patients (or their approved caregivers) will come one at a time, must be registered with the state, and will be buzzed into the door.
  - State-of-the-art security inside and outside, 24 hours a day. Inside video surveillance trained on any area where medical marijuana exists. Seed to packaging will happen in one facility.
  - Employees will be professionals in related fields (medical, food industry, security), registered with CORI, no criminal background. CACC will have a strict no drug use policy.
  - CACC will be a nonprofit and reinvest grants to the community in public safety and education.
  - Joy Lagruda, youth prevention specialist working with CACC, gave a brief overview of prevention activities and how they hope to work within the community.
  - BOH food safety regulations for dispensaries are 105 CMR 300 (reporting) and 105 CMR 500 (manufacturing). Under 105 CMR 725.600 (municipal requirements), Board of Health involvement is not required in Registered Medical Dispensaries.
  - A member of the audience expressed concern re the location of the dispensary.
  - A question was raised re health privacy and video security. It was noted this is internal security and will not be publicly released. If an event should occur, MDPH must be notified within a specified time period and has access to video for 60 days.
  - The cost of application is over \$30,000 plus \$50,000 to get the license and \$50,000 to renew.

- Food processing will occur onsite as medical-infused products. BOH will look into possible local involvement re the scope to adhere to the Food Code.
- The waste is not considered hazardous. However, it must be documented and two people must be involved in the operation. The marijuana is tracked from seed to sale, through video and record keeping. Each seed is assigned a bar code, which can be tracked into the community. If a patient has any leftover product, CACC is mandated to take it back and it must be properly destroyed. The plan is to take it to a state incinerator.
- CACC will not only dispense, but also provide additional items such as meditation, yoga, diet, exercise, and education. Home delivery and financial assistance are also required.
- H. Hasz encouraged the public to submit concerns in writing to be kept on record by BOH.
- The Board discussed possible BOH action relating to the proposed one-year zoning moratorium. It was noted that with regard to public health, dispensaries are an approved use.
- **P. Papineau motioned to approve the minutes of May 20, 2013, with corrections, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.** The corrected minutes will be signed at the next meeting.
- Permit renewals – The Board renewed three chicken permits.
- New animal permits –
  - 29 High Street – Efforts have been unsuccessful in trying to contact the owner. The Board's standard violation letter will be sent, with a deadline of July 1 copy to Animal Control Officer.
  - 72 Snake Hill Road – An email has just been received from the owner that Conservation has approved the berm construction.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review:
  - Reviewed bite report, food inspection, food service plan, food and tattoo permits, and septic as-built plan. Tattoo permits need to be updated for the current BOH members. There was also a recent possible rabies exposure involving dog biting dog.
  - Vitasoy – The Administrative Consent Order has not yet been executed; we will receive a copy when it comes out. MassDEP reports another odor complaint last week and that Vitasoy is committed to a new plant but it will take time. H. Hasz received a call two weeks ago about a fire in the Vitasoy bag house; no action was needed from BOH.
- Bills –
  - All approved and signed bill from Nashoba Publishing for \$307.88.
  - All approved and signed bill from MAHB for \$150.00 to be paid in FY14.
- Mail –
  - Arbovirus involves Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV).
  - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) is a new virus being monitored.
- Shepley's Hill Landfill Draft Final ESD has been received. Comments are due in July. The Board agreed to delegate P. Papineau as representative with respect to Shepley's Hill.
- The BOH meeting on June 24 will be cancelled due to the Special Town Meeting that evening.
- All three Board members plan to be in attendance at the June 11 BOS joint meeting re properties. This is a posted Executive Session.
- BOH "housekeeping" - H. Hasz has included on the BOH agenda "Future Agenda Topics" to keep track of upcoming discussion/update items. M. Spinner was asked, as Clerk, to continue to review meeting minutes. An up-to-date spreadsheet will be kept re properties with BOH-related issues.
- A Willard Street resident has requested documentation of her contact with BOH re a neighbor. H. Hasz will sign this letter. B. Braley to follow up.
- Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) – The current EDS Plan lists two dispensing sites in Ayer. The high school is the regular EDS site. Ayer Gun Club is the drive-through site. In 2011, Ken Gikas followed up with Police and Fire re the Gun Club. BOH will discuss this with K. Gikas.
- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*Mary Spinner - 7/8/13*

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