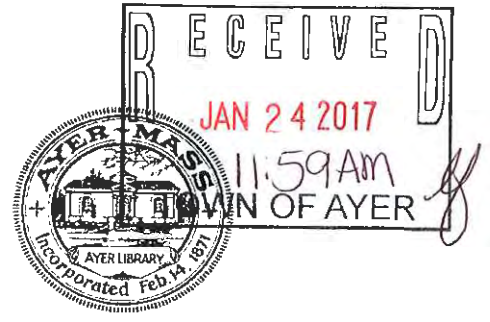


TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present included: *Chair Mary Spinner, Member Pamela Papineau, Clerk Patricia Peters and Administrative Assistant Jane Morriss.*

Meeting recorded by APAC



PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): M. Spinner reported that inspections have been completed at the Nashoba Valley Medical Center and at Apple Valley Nursing Center. There is nothing further to report about plans to open a Korean Bakery on W. Main Street. The tenant on E. Main Street near the library has moved out but the apartment can't be rented until lead abatement is completed.

NABOH QUARTERLY MEETING (M. SPINNER): The NABOH Board met on January 5, and it was a long meeting. The Board was updated on the new Medicare standards, and the staff has been trained. NABOH maintains a daily presence at the hospital to monitor discharges. The new standards seem to be shortening the amount of time people spend in the hospital. NABOH is fully staffed. They have agreed to fill in with *per diem* help as needed, which is the only new hiring they intend to do this year. They would like to develop a staff of *per-diem* professionals who could be familiarized with NABOH procedures. A 2-year contract with the RNs has been settled with steps only and no COLA. The pension issue is not solved and it does not appear that the issue will be resolved this year because bills need to be filed in the state legislature by January 20, and there is no sign that this is going to happen even though the pension issue impacts approximately 50 groups. However, the State has put together a working group to find a solution to the pension problem and James Garreffi is a member of that group.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 12:

P. Papineau made a motion to approve the minutes covering meetings held on November 14, November 28 and December 12. P. Peters 2nd and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes. **A 3/0**

FY 2018 BUDGET:

The BOH budget will be level-funded this year except for a modest increase in what the Board pays NABOH and any changes to the administrative wages due to union negotiations. M. Spinner will meet with the Town Accountant to go over the budget.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The 2016 Annual Report will acknowledge the permitted trash haulers for the first time. The Board will also include mention of the special permit it issued for 41 E. Main Street as the SPGA of the Aquifer Protection District Health Regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- Bills: The Board approved and signed an invoice to pay J&S Business Products, Inc. \$40.74 for a box of 500 printed envelopes.
- Action items for January 23 meeting: P. Papineau will report on the RAB meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 6:20 pm P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. **A 3/0**

Mary Spinner
Mary Spinner, Chair

Patricia Peters
Patricia Peters, Clerk

Pamela Papineau
Pamela Papineau, Member