

**TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH  
Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017**

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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 announced that a food permit has been granted to Chang Ye Papadiki, so she is all set to open her Korean Rice-Cake Bakery located at 210 W. Main Street. De-leading has been completed for unit 4 of 38 E. Main Street. B. Braley gave her approval on a transmittal form sent by the ZBA regarding an application for a special permit to allow a home occupation permit for a hair salon at 229 Old Farm Way. There was an acknowledgement that if there are any substantive changes to the 41 E. Main Street site plan, the applicant would be required to return to the BOH for another public hearing under the Aquifer Protection District Regulation. B. Braley requested the Board to include on its next agenda a follow-up discussion about recent odor issues at Nasoya.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27:

P. Papineau made a motion to approve the minutes covering the February 27 meeting, and P. Peters 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes. **A 3/0**

CONTINUING DISCUSSION: PROS & CONS OF ENACTING MARIJUANA REGULATIONS FOR AYER:

Under the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, a three-member board has been created to make recommendations to the Statehouse concerning the control of cannabis. Under the regulation, towns have the right to prohibit the sale of retail marijuana. The state plans to levy a tax of 3.5 percent on sales, and towns can impose an additional two-percent local tax. The BOH will inspect and issue permits for the kitchens that create edibles. Board members speculated that the laws regulating recreational marijuana are likely to be similar to the laws regulating alcohol and cigarettes. Local regulations could allow landlords to prohibit smoking marijuana on their property (like cigarettes). Smoking and vaping are already prohibited on town property, and marijuana could easily be added to these ordinances if the town chooses to do so. The Board will keep the issue on its radar and revisit it in a month or so.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- **Mail:** Nomination papers for the Inspector of Animals have been received from the Department of Agriculture. The papers need to be returned to the Division of Animal Health by April 1 with Animal Inspector Carlene Purdy's notarized signature.
- **Bills:** The members approved and signed NABOH's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billing for nursing services (in the amount of \$1,992.85) and environmental services (in the amount of \$4,366.93). **A 3/0**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 27 MEETING:

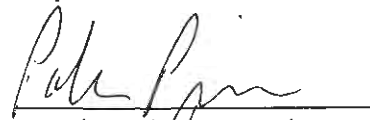
- Updates of any new developments concerning recreational marijuana legislation, the status of 41 E. Main Street, and Nasoya odor issues.

ADJOURN:

P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm, and P. Peters 2<sup>nd</sup>. **A 3/0**

  
Mary Spinner, *Chair*

  
Patricia Peters, *Clerk*

  
Pamela Papineau, *Member*