

TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017

The March 27, 2017, BOH meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

Chair Mary Spinner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

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PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): M. Spinner announced the Union Coffee Roaster's permit to operate a food service establishment has been renewed. Inspections were conducted at Parthenon Pizza and the Korean Rice Bakery. Lead abatement is complete at 38 E. Main Street, so the owner is now allowed to rent out the apartment. Following up on a complaint about the accumulation of trash at a house on Church Street, B. Braley found a squatter was living in the house. She notified the bank who is managing the property, and they will be following up.

- **Nasoya:** For the time being, there have been no complaints about odors coming from Nasoya.
- **41 E. Main Street:** The developer has been informed that if he changes anything he will have to come back before the BOH.

NABOH QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING REPORT (M. SPINNER): NABOH has hired their last staff person, so going forward they should not have to rely on agency staffing, which has been a large expense. New technology has been installed throughout the organization, and everyone has been retrained. There was a meeting in Boston regarding the on-going pension issue, which was attended by Director James Garreffi, and Chief Financial Officer Terri Counihan. A member of the Executive Board plans to attend the next meeting, scheduled for May 1. Meanwhile, T. Counihan is continuing to put aside extra funds for the pension account. Meanwhile, the State has admitted they played a part in creating the pension fiasco, and this could be considered progress.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR March 13:

P. Papineau made a motion to approve the minutes covering the March 13 meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes. **A 3/0**

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

With the legal age for using cannabis set at 21, the Board wondered if it would influence a decision to change the legal age for using tobacco to 21. One member remarked that with the prominence of a liquor store on Main Street, it would be pretty hypocritical if the Town prohibited a retail outlet from selling cannabis on Main Street. The law legalizing the sale of cannabis takes effect on July 1, 2018. The Planning Board is currently studying the related issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- **Mail:** Nomination papers with Animal Inspector's notarized signature, were mailed (by certified mail) to the Division of Animal Health on March 22.
- **Bills:** Chair M. Spinner signed a voucher to pay Carlene Purdy her yearly stipend (in the amount of \$2600.00). She also signed two timecards for J. Morriss.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 1 MEETING:

Any new developments concerning recreational marijuana legislation, the status of 41 E. Main Street, or pertinent articles on the Town Meeting warrant will be included in the May 1 agenda.

ADJOURN:

P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm, and P. Peters 2nd. **A 3/0**

[Signature of Mary Spinner]
Mary Spinner, Chair

[Signature of Patricia Peters]
Patricia Peters, Clerk

[Signature of Pamela Papineau]
Pamela Papineau, Member