

Ayer Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2009

Call to order 5:04pm

Members present: Margaret Kidder, Chair, Mary Spinner, Clerk and Marilyn McMillan, Member  
Also present: Michelle Carlisle, Administrative Assistant

- Minutes approval – 7/13/09
  - **Mary Spinner motioned to approve minutes from 7/13/09, M. McMillan 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
- Bills approval - none
- Mail reviewed –
  - Flu fact sheet and Mosquito Control sheet – M. Carlisle to post.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review
  - M. Spinner mentioned there were complaints regarding 110 Central Ave. and that Bridgette sent a housing violation notice to the property owner.
  - M. Spinner reviewed 20 Bligh St. – abandoned property. M. Kidder asked if there was running water – M. Spinner said yes. M. Kidder also asked if a police report was filed, M. Spinner did not know if a police report was filed. At this point, there are no BOH issues.
  - M. Kidder asked about the protocol for beach closings – M. Carlisle stated the Parks Department has one.
  - M. Carlisle to follow-up with Mr. McNiff regarding the clean-up schedule he agreed to.
- Ruth Maxant's request to jointly vacate her legal agreement with the Board of Health –
  - M. McMillan reviewed the letter from Town Counsel to the Board of Health.
  - M. Kidder explained that Town Counsel recommended the BOH not vacate this legal agreement.
  - Lora Haines stated that this is not a public issue. The electric fence is clearly marked. She stated no animals have escaped. Lora also stated this is only a boundary dispute. Ms. Maxant is losing 5,000 square feet.
  - Ms. Maxant again stated what happened and why the legal agreement was entered into in the first place.
  - M. Kidder gave Ms. Maxant a few minutes to read the letter from Town Counsel.
  - Ms. Maxant stated that her only issue is the one section regarding the fence.
  - M. Kidder asked Ruth why she signed the agreement. Ruth stated she was told to do so by her attorney.
  - Mr. Bill Siekman stated it is not about a boundary dispute. He doesn't want an electric fence on his property line. Bill asked if the agreement was vacated what would happen if Ruth's animals escaped. M. Kidder stated the board would have to go back to court.
    - Bill asked who to call if the animals escape with the agreement in place? There was a discussion regarding who can handle farm animals.
  - **M. McMillan motioned that the Board of Health not sign the Joint Motion to Vacate presented by Ms. Ruth Maxant, but to live by the original agreement, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup> A 3/0.**
- Miscellaneous
  - Minutes posted to the website – M. Spinner stated that the Communication Committee requested that all boards and committees post their minutes on the website.
  - **M. Spinner motioned to post all Board of Health approved minutes to the website going forward, M. McMillan 2<sup>nd</sup> A 3/0.**

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- Signed already approved Transfer Station Regulation for FY 2010.
  - M. Spinner explained some issues residents had with the Department of Public Works and trying to purchase stickers.
- Signed Pandemic letter to support new legislation.
- M. Spinner stated, as a reminder, the PanAm meeting on 7/29/09 at 7PM.
- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, M. McMillan<sup>2nd</sup>, A3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

May Spinner - 9/14/09  
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