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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**Minutes of December 13, 2021 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting**

Location: Remote Participation via Zoom

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

**Members Present:** Stephen Slarsky, Chairman, Pamela Papineau, and Patricia Peters

**Also Present:** Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator and Bridgett Braley from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health

**Chairman Slarsky opened the meeting 5:31 PM**

At 5:33 PM P. Papineau made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, Sec. 21A Exemption #3 to discuss litigation strategy with respect to the case of Mimi's Place, LLC v. Board of Health of the Town of Ayer, et al., Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. 2181CV01197, as discussing the matter in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigation position and the Chairman so declares. P. Peters seconded. Vote to approve by roll call vote: P. Papineau, aye; P. Peters, aye and Chairman Slarsky aye.

**At 5:54 PM the Board returned to Open Session**

**Public Input**

There was no one present for public input.

**Discussion, Solid Waste Regulations**

P. Papineau mentioned that she has not had the chance to review the regulations with B. Braley at this time to give the Board an update. P. Papineau also mentioned that the Department of Public Works has had the regulations to review only for the last week or two and hope to receive comments from them before the next meeting.

**Discussion, Jenna Montgomery, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health Introduction**

*Present: Jenna Montgomery, Public Health Educator/Communications Specialist Nashoba Associated Boards of Health*

Ms. Jenna Montgomery, Public Health Educator/Communications Specialist, stated that she wanted to come to the meeting is evening to introduce herself to the Board and go over the items she is hoping to do with Nashoba. Ms. Montgomery stated that she is working on a COVID-19 page for the Nashoba website that will be updated weekly. Ms. Montgomery stated that she is also collecting information for all the Nashoba towns to see what areas they are under served, in order to help each town.

The Board thanked Ms. Montgomery for her time and will reach out to her if they have any comments or questions.

**COVID-19**

S. Slarsky stated that he did receive a report from Nashoba in B. Braley's absence from Mr. Jim Garreffa that shows an increase in cases in the area mostly in unvaccinated people, and cases among children are also on the rise.

#### **NABOH Update**

S. Slarsky stated that with B. Braley unavailable this evening so there is no update this evening.

#### **Minutes November 22, 2021**

**At 6:12 PM P. Papineau made a motion to approve the minutes from November 22, 2021, meeting as written. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)**

#### **Administrative Items**

##### **Budget FY2023**

H. Hampson stated that Town Manager, Robert Pontbriand has sent a request to all town departments to submit their budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 to his office by December 30<sup>th</sup>.

S. Slarsky asked how the budget been handled in the past.

P. Papineau stated that typically the budget request is level funded meaning it is the same as previous years.

S. Slarsky stated that he would like to add money in the budget for training for the Board, he will review the budget and submit it to Mr. Pontbriand by the 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Upcoming Board Meeting**

The Board will meet on January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, the remaining schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Adjourn:**

**P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM, and P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)**

  
Steve Slarsky, Chair

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator