

Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2009

Call to order 5:00pm

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

- Marilyn McMillan, Member, called to say she would be a little late.
- M. Spinner suggested to wait on minutes approval until M. McMillan arrives.
- Bills Approval - none
- Mail reviewed –
 - 3 Bligh St. – former tannery – report from Ensol.
- M. Spinner attended an RAB meeting on 9/24/09 regarding Shepley's Hill and the dam at Plow Shop Pond which is on Calvin Moore's property. The arsenic levels are still too high coming from Shepley's Hill. Additional clean-up is needed. There should be a draft plan by August 2010. Other towns have adopted regulations to deny any requests for private wells within 400 feet of a contaminated area such as Shepley's Hill. Ayer could also do this.
 - No decision regarding the Plow Shop Pond dam on Calvin Moore's property. The Dam Safety Committee sent Mr. Moore a notice stating that the dam was in danger of failing and the he needed to replace it, but they never came out to look at it. DEP is going to help facilitate a visit from the Committee to actually inspect the dam.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review
 - M. Spinner spoke with B. Braley regarding:
 - Housing violation to Mr. Peterson of 56 Groton Harvard Rd. – excessive scrap metal etc. on his property.
 - 110 Central Ave. – property is cleaned up and the owner has it for sale.
 - 5 Mark St. – a woman has been seen living in a tent on this property. B. Braley will send a letter to the owner asking if he has given permission for this.
- Miscellaneous –
 - M. Kidder – Kevin Horgan will be applying for a Special Permit to expand his current business inside the Zone II of the Aquifer Protection District. M. Kidder would like to have a joint public hearing with Planning Board when the time comes.
 - M. Kidder – at the original hearing for Kevin Horgan's business, M. Kidder recused herself because her brother was a co-owner at the time. He is no longer a co-owner and M. Kidder no longer has this conflict.
- M. McMillan joined the meeting at 5:20pm.
- Minutes approval – 9/14/09
 - **Mary Spinner motioned to approve minutes from 9/14/0909, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.**
- Miscellaneous continued –
 - M. McMillan – report on chemicals used by Evergreen Solar to come after flu season.
 - M. Spinner - LymeLite forum on Lyme disease went very well – but the attendance was disappointing. M. Spinner ordered a box of tick remover kits – free of charge from the manufacturer. Reported that Lyme disease has increased 33% in just one year.
 - Letter from the Worcester Sheriff's office – M. Spinner will call to see what they may to offer – we could use a new generator.
 - M. Spinner – article in the Lowell Sun re: H1N1. Reported the some towns have adopted the State Guidelines for Influenza regarding sick employees. M. Carlisle to get a copy of these guidelines and bring them to the next meeting. M. McMillan can't attend

the next mtg., 10/5/09, but approves that the board adopt the guidelines for the Town of Ayer. She will attend the 10/5/09 if her schedule changes.

- **M. Spinner motion to adopt State Influenza Guidelines, but they won't be sent out until seen at the next meeting, M. McMillan 2nd A3/0.**

- M. McMillan asked about the EPA letter to PanAm. M. Spinner explained that the letter was sent due to EPA's concerns that PanAm was not adhering to the Consent Decree and the Surface Transportation Board's decision regarding Stormwater Management and other issues.
- Mary Arata – Public Spirit – informed the Board that PanAm was in court on 9/25/09 regarding violation of probation.
- M. Kidder called for a break at 5:45pm.
- M. Kidder resumed meeting at 6:00pm
- H1N1 Virus discussion – attendees:
 - Jim Garreffi, Director, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health
 - Ken Gikas, Program Consultant, Region II, Emergency Preparedness Coalition
 - Tim Johnston and Sean Farley, Ayer Fire Department
- M. Kidder – opening comments
- Jim Garreffi's update –
 - Met with Bill Plunkett, Director of Admin/Business Operation, Ayer Public Schools, regarding holding a clinic at the school. Bill needs permission from the School Committee. Assuming 20-25% of target population will be at the clinic. Some will go elsewhere if their health provider registers to give the H1N1 Vaccine.
 - M. Kidder – are there plans in place if a Pandemic was to hit? J. Garreffi – schools would close, but only if absolutely necessary. Would be decided by the schools and the local Board of Health.
 - M. Kidder – discussed that we are going to adopt the State's Influenza Guidelines.
 - M. McMillan – will the clinic do both seasonal and H1N1 at the same time? J. Garreffi – they will give both vaccinations if the parent agrees.
- Ken Gikas's update –
 - Big push from the state for education on when to stay home.
 - Sampled population in some of his towns using reverse 911 – 49% - 25% said they would bring their child be vaccinated.
 - Some of his towns will vaccinate older kids while in school, K-4th grade will vaccinate during the clinic after school when the parents are present.
 - All individuals administering vaccinations will need to be CORI'd.
 - Ayer will be receiving ~\$5,300 in grant money now and ~\$10,000 in the near future. Money can only be used for H1N1 Virus purposes. We'll need to track the money very carefully.
 - M. McMillan asked for a copy of the Vaccination Information Sheet (VIS) when it becomes available. She would like to make it available to everyone.
 - Tim Johnston suggested putting form and information on the School's website. Also asked if there will be vaccination training for paramedics.
 - M. Carlisle to email vaccination training information to Chief Pedrazzi and M. McMillan.
 - M. McMillan – asked what the timeframe is for the H1N1 grant money? Does it need to be used in a certain amount of time and what if all of it is not used? K. Gikas didn't know, but will find out and get back to the Board.
 - M. Kidder follow-up:
 - Limits on grant money – Ken Gikas
 - Clinic dates – Jim Garreffi

- Finalize State Guidelines adoption – BOH
 - Once adopted – email out to all in attendance.
- Tentative date for next H1N1 meeting – November 9, 2009 at 5:45pm.
- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, M. McMillan^{2nd}, A3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

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