

TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

TOWN HALL – 1 MAIN STREET – AYER, MASSACHUSETTS 01432 – (978) 772-8220 Ext 145

Minutes of November 22, 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 5:37PM

Public Input

There was no one present for public input.

Discussion, Solid Waste Regulations

P. Papineau gave the Board a quick update on the progress she has made in reviewing the current Solid Waste Regulations. P. Papineau stated that she finally reached Mr. Mark Wetzel at the Department of Public Works and he has passed the review of the Regulations onto Dan Van Schalkwyk, the new Superintendent at the DPW for review. P. Papineau also mentioned that Bridgette Braley was going to review the regulations as well. P. Papineau hopes to have more of an update at the next meeting.

PFAS Study

Present Laurie Nehring from PACE and Laurel Schaidler from Silent Spring Institute

L. Nehring created a power point presentation like the one shared with the Select Board regarding the PFAS study that will be taking place in Ayer as well as in Hyannis as part of a larger nation wide look at the effects of PFAS in our water systems.

L. Schaidler from Silent Spring working with PACE to conduct the study in town. L. Schaidler went through the power point with the Board the covered the causes of PFAS the chemical makes up of PFAS and where and why the study is being conducted. L. Schaidler stated that the study has started collecting samples in Hyannis and went over the age groups and the qualifications to qualify for the study here in Ayer.

S. Slarsky asked for a copy of the power point presentation so that he could review it and suggested that both L. Nehring and L. Schaidler come back to another meeting after the new year where the Board can ask questions regarding the presentation.

COVID-19

S. Slarsky stated that he did receive a report from Nashoba in B. Braley's absence that shows an increase in cases in the are mostly in unvaccinated people.

NABOH Update

S. Slarsky stated that with B. Braley unavailable this evening he got an update from her to share with the Board this evening. Items processed by Nashoba over the past few weeks include mostly food service inspections which copies of those reports will be submitted to the office.

S. Slarsky stated that there has been an ongoing housing complaint on Sandy Pond Road but stated that there have been dumpsters on site so hopefully the issue will be resolved.

Minutes November 8, 2021

At 6:17 PM P. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021, meeting as written. P. Papineau seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Administrative Items

S. Slarsky stated that he like the Board to nominate and vote on a Clerk for the Board.

At 6:19 PM S. Slarsky made a motion to nominate P. Peters as Clerk. P. Papineau seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Action Items for December 13, 2021

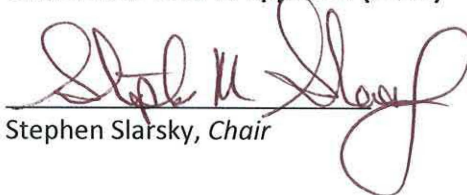
H. Hampson mentioned that Ms. Jenna Montgomery, LCSW Public Health Educator and Communications Specialist for Nashoba Associated Boards of Health will be coming to the next meeting for a brief discussion.

Permits

H. Hampson gave the Board a brief update on the Tobacco renewal licenses that have been mailed to stores in town and should have the licenses ready for S. Slarsky to sign in the next week or two. H. Hampson also stated that she will be sending out the Trash Hauler renewals in the next week or so as well.

Adjourn:

P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM, and P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)


Stephen Slarsky, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator