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Minutes of January 10, 2022 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: Remote Participation via Zoom

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

Members Present: Stephen Slarsky, Chairman, and Patricia Peters

Members Absent: Pamela Papineau

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

Chairman Slarsky opened the meeting 5:31 PM

At 5:31 PM P. Peters 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. S. Slarsky seconded. Vote to approve by roll call vote: 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

S. Slarsky stated that the Board will continue the discussion on the Solid Waste Regulations to the next meeting when, P. Papineau can update the Board.

NABOH Update

B. Braley stated that she sent the packets to the Board members this afternoon which included food inspection reports along with the last of the food permits. There was also a housing inspection letter for a property on Central Ave.

S. Slarsky asked if the sink issue at The Junction had been resolved.

B. Braley stated that the owner has been in contact with her a few times and mentioned that they are waiting for a quote and start date from their plumber.

S. Slarsky stated that he went over the packet submitted by B. Braley and had no questions or concerns.

Nashoba Quarterly Meeting

P. Peters stated that she attended the meeting for the Board. P. Peters mentioned that she had one question for B. Braley regarding that meeting concerning some towns in the Nashoba BOH area that are

getting at home COVID tests to hand out to their residents.

B. Braley mentioned that the towns that are purchasing the tests are doing so with Board of Selectman approval for the funding and are setting up guidelines for who and how to distribute the tests.

S. Slarsky stated that there are lot of questions regarding the at home test and their effectiveness.

B. Braley stated that Jenna Montgomery from her office is in the process of drafting a fact sheet on the at home test.

Budget FY2023

S. Slarsky stated that he drafted the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and sent it to the Board members to review and would like a motion this evening to approve the draft budget. S. Slarsky stated that there will be a meeting later this month with the Finance Committee to review the proposed budget that he will attend.

At 5:45 PM P. Peters made a motion to approve the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Board of Health Budget as presented. S. Slarsky seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (2-0-0)

COVID-19

B. Braley stated Nashoba is seeing a huge increase in cases more then the peak in 2020. On average there are around 375 positive cases daily for the area that the nurses at Nashoba need to review. The number of cases is starting to impact businesses again and wanted to make sure that people are wearing masks indoors and washing their hands.

B, Braley stated that they have given most of the business in town the Board's mask recommendation flyer and stated most have them hanging up.

S. Slarsky thanked B. Braley for the signs and stated that he has seen them around town.

Minutes December 13, 2021

S. Slarsky stated that he would like to table approving the minutes of December 13, 2021, till P. Papineau is at the meeting.

Administrative Items

Statics for 2022

S. Slarsky stated that he was updated B. Braley on all the permits issued by Nashoba and at this point there are no outstanding permits.

S. Slarsky stated that Ayer Motor Inn has applied for their Hotel/Motel License, and since there is no change in ownership there will not be a hearing on the license renewal. S. Slarsky stated that he reviewed the application and supporting documents submitted to B. Braley for the renewal.

B. Braley stated that the assessor records were checked to confirm that the owners where the same.

H. Hampson gave the Board an update on the Tobacco Licenses stating all but one has been received and 2 businesses closed from last year. H. Hampson stated that half of the Trash Hauler permits have been received as well and will be resending reminder letters later this week for those that have not been received at this time.

Upcoming Board Meeting

The Board will meet next January 24th, 2022.

Adjourn:

P. Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM, and S. Slarsky seconded. No discussion.

Unanimous vote to approve. (2-0-0)



Steve Slarsky, *Chair*

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Hampson, *Administrative Coordinator*