

Minutes of the July 25, 2022 – Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Ayer Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC and a Zoom link was provided for the public

Members Present: Stephen Slarsky, Chair; Pamela Papineau; Patricia Peters

Also Present: Bridgette Braley, Health Agent, Nashoba Boards of Health
Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Manager

Reconvene in Open Session:

S. Slarsky reconvened the Board of Health in Open Session from Executive Session at 6:02pm.

Public Input:

There was no public input.

Old Business (COVID-19 Update):

B. Braley provided an update on COVID-19 to the Board. The COVID numbers are fluctuating. We did receive several boxes of test kits and I gave some to the Ayer Fire and Police Department and will send some to the Ayer COA/Senior Center Director.

S. Slarsky stated that high risk people are being cautious and are masked.

New Business (Annual License Renewals; Food Truck Regulations Discussion; Nashoba Update):

B. Braley advised that the Ayer Masonic Lodge applied for a kitchen permit. We did receive a complaint on Amandrey Way regarding a trailer from the Building Inspector. The complaint has been resolved as there was no one living in the trailer. We also received a complaint regarding temporary housing on Hedgeway regarding a tiny house. Food inspections were conducted for Steward, Pinard's, and LaDip.

S. Slarsky asked about background checks for ice cream truck operators.

B. Braley stated that the police department does the background check before the license is issued.

S. Slarsky stated that the conversation regarding this came up again today and he is glad that everything goes through Bridgette and the police department does the background check.

P. Papineau stated that she tried to send Bridgette the article on virtual kitchens and ghost kitchens.

B. Braley stated that she is aware of this issue.

S. Slarsky asked for follow-up regarding the body at Nashoba Medical Center.

B. Braley stated that she would check with Jim Gareffi.

[B. Braley left the meeting at 6:17pm]

Discussion on Future Agenda Items, Meeting Schedule, Zoom Meetings v. In-Person Meetings:

S. Slarsky suggested that the Board meet once in August and then return to meeting twice a month. With the next meeting to be on August 22, 2022 at 5:30pm which will be hybrid.

Administrative Matters (Bills/Mail):

P. Papineau asked about if all the chicken permits have been issued and perhaps, we could follow up with the Animal Inspector.

S. Slarsky stated that he will follow up with the Animal Inspector.

Review and Approval of June 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by P. Peters and seconded by P. Papineau to approve the June 27, 2022 meeting minutes. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by P. Papineau and seconded by P. Peters. **Motion passed 3-0.**

The Ayer Board of Health adjourned at 6:35pm.



Steve Slarsky, Chair



Minutes recorded and submitted by Robert A. Pontbriand, Town Manager

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