



TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of August 29, 2022 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: 1st Floor Meeting room, Ayer Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

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

Also Present: Bridgette Braley, Health Agent, Nashoba Boards of Health; Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator

Stephen Slarsky called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

The Board welcomed Samantha Benoit as the new Administrative Coordinator. The Board also thanked Robert Pontbriand for taking the minutes for the last few months.

Motion was made by P. Peters to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, Sec. 21A Exemption #3. Seconded by P. Papineau.

Motion Passed (3-0)

The Board enter executive session at 5:33pm.

Open session reconvened at 5:40pm.

Public Input:

There was no one present for public input.

Old Business:

S. Slarsky noted that the town of Ayer had more cases than the state and county average over the last two weeks. The number of cases does appear to be trending down.

B. Braley believes cases should continue to trend downward but there might be an uptick with the start of school. There have been more cases of the flu recently.

S. Slarsky asked if there were any flu clinic, or COVID clinic scheduled soon.

B. Braley said there are flu clinics scheduled in the area but no COVID clinics.

B. Braley stated that there are COVID test kits available at four separate locations in town, there is a limit of two kits per family.

S. Slarsky asked if there was any coordination between departments do that someone could not go to multiple departments and receive more than two kits.

B. Braley said there is no coordination between departments since the expiration date of the tests is approaching and it is more important to get the tests out to the public.

New Business:

There has been a noise complaint on Westford Road. It is believed the noise is coming from the diesel trucks coming in and out of Bake n' Joy.

S. Slarsky and B. Braley have gone to the location and have not noticed any excess noise. More information, such as time of day, will be need from the complainant.

S. Slarsky and B. Braley will contact Bake n' Joy to give notice of trucks idling per the town's idling regulations.

Nashoba Update:

B. Braley updated the Board on the tobacco violations. One location has paid their fine, but the other two locations have not. The Tobacco Commission will try to collect the fines, and all the money will go to the town.

S. Slarsky would like to send out a letter of notice from the Board of Health to the two locations that have not paid.

P. Papineau would like to have some information on past tobacco violations to include. P. Papineau and S. Benoit will work together to draft a letter.

B. Braley updated the Board on the status of the deceased person at the Nashoba Valley Medical Center. The body has been claimed and is no longer an issue for the Board of Health.

A motion was made by P. Papineau to accept the July 25, 2022, Minutes as corrected. Seconded by P. Peters.

Motion Passes (3-0)

There was general discussion about the Call Log being kept by S. Benoit at the Board of Health office. Many calls are being directed to the Nashoba Board of Health.

The Board discussed the fall meeting schedule, the Board would like to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. The next two meetings are on September 12th, and September 26th.

S. Benoit presented four Animal and Fowl permits to be signed by the Chair.

P. Papineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by P. Peters.

Motion Passed (3-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:13pm



Steve Slarsky, Chair



Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator

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