



TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of September 26, 2022 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: 1st Floor Meeting room, Ayer Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

Members Present: Patricia Peters; Pam Papineau – Acting Chair

Absent: Stephen Slarsky

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

Pam Papineau called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

The Board decided against entering Executive Session since there is no new information.

Public Input:

Jenna Brownson, owner of 19 Grove St., asked if there was anything the Board of Health could do regarding an ongoing trash issue with tenants at 19 Grove St. The home is divided into two apartments, the tenants in the larger apartment have been throwing their trash in the yard. Complaints have been made by the other tenants and the neighbors at 21 Grove St. Jenna has started the eviction process but would like to know if there is anything the Board of Health could do to help.

B. Braley entered at 5:40.

B. Braley has offered to investigate the housing code but believes any citation would be made against the landlord, not the tenant, as the owner of the property.

P. Papineau expressed regret that there is nothing at this time the Board of Health can do.

Old Business:

B. Braley gave an update on COVID cases. There has been a small increase in cases mostly likely due to the start of school.

The algae bloom at Sandy Pond continues, and all restrictions are still in effect. There is a chance the bloom will continue through the winter but given the time of year no additional testing will be done.

T. Peters noted that additional testing would be more beneficial if the bloom occurred earlier in the year.

B. Braley noted that Flanagan's Pond is still unaffected.

New Business:

It was reported that the Animal Inspector, Julie Thomas, inspected the property at 83 Pleasant St. for rats, as there was a complaint. No rats were spotted, but the area will continue to be monitored to find a possible source.

Nashoba Update:

B. Braley turned in the most recent health inspections for Fresh Ayer Nutrition, and The Cottage. B. Braley also inspected 29 Hatch St. and sent an order to correct any issues in 30 days.

Call Log:

There was general discussion in response to various phone calls made over the last few weeks.

B. Braley checked on 18 Pond St. there was a complaint about dumpsters not being picked-up and the possibility of rats. It was noted that both dumpsters were empty and covered. There were no rats. B. Braley called the company to have the dumpsters removed.

There was a complaint about trash trains being parked near Union St., B. Braley sent this complaint to Carly Antonellis since she has a contact at the train company.

**A motion was made by P. Peters to accept the September 12, 2022, Minutes. Seconded by P. Papineau.
Motion Passes (2-0)**

Administrative Matters:

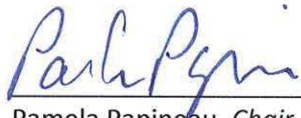
Jennifer King sent a letter to the Board of Health stating that she has six chickens, instead of five, as stated on her Animal and Fowl Permit. The company from whom she purchased those chickens required the minimum purchase of six.

A new Animal and Fowl permit was signed and issued to Rachel Kozera for eleven chickens.

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

Motion Passed (2-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39pm



Pamela Papineau, Chair



Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator