



TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of December 5, 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

Absent: Pamela Papineau

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

Stephen Slarsky called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

**Motion was made by P. Peters to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, Sec. 21A Exemption #3. Seconded by S. Slarsky.
Motion Passed (2-0)**

The Board enter executive session at 5:33pm.

Open session reconvened at 5:42pm.

Public Input:

There was no one present for public input.

Old Business:

B. Braley reported that the samples from Sandy Pond were around 2,000 cells per mil at the end of November.

S. Slarsky confirmed that this meets the state requirements.

B. Braley reported that the McDonald's reinspection was fine.

T. Peters asked how the PlayPlace is being disinfected.

B. Braley was not clear on what actions were being taken.

New Business:

S. Slarsky asked for any information on the proposed shelter on Devens. He has not seen anything official at the time of the meeting.

B. Braley noted that the proposed shelter would be in the old Officer's Club, which is not located in the Ayer portion of Devens, and the building is state owned. This outside of Ayer's and the Nashoba's jurisdiction.

The proposed shelter is to be a transient or temporary shelter, in which no one would stay for more than four days. There is no kitchen or shower in the facility. The shelter would only be operational for about six months. This is to be a dry shelter for pregnant women and families seeking asylum.

S. Slarsky was concerned that Devens would take advantage of Ayer's resources.
B. Braley stated she is also the Health Agent for Devens. The property is located in the Harvard portion of Devens, and the building is owned by the state.
S. Slarsky confirmed that this shelter would have no impact on Ayer.

Correspondence:

B. Braley reported that owner of 17 Taft St. still has not filed for an Animal Permit, and that their attorney will be in contact sometime in the future. The information needed is how many and what kind of animals are on the property as well as how food is being stored.
S. Slarsky asked what enforcement existed for non-compliance.
B. Braley stated the issue would have to be taken up in court.
P. Peters asked about involving the MSPCA.
B. Braley stated that their involvement would be facilitated by the Animal Control Officer.

Nashoba Update:

B. Braley presented the update from Nashoba.
There was a general announcement in which the Town of Ashburnham was taking action against a septic inspector.
A Title V was issued for 77 Fitchburg Rd.
The High School, Page Hilltop and Subway were recently inspected.
There was a housing inspection done at the Pleasant St. School Apartments, there were no major issues found, just evidence of an old leak.
Food permits were issued for Lucia's and Ayer Convenience.
There was a fire reported at 93 Snake Hill Rd. in which it was discovered there were many temporary trailers found on the property. Most of the trailers burnt in the fire. A letter was sent stating that permission is needed from the Board of Health to have temporary trailers.

LEPC Meeting:

S. Slarsky attended the recent LEPC Meeting as the representative of the Board of Health. The meeting focused on disaster planning. The BOH is a key agency in case of a disaster. A member of the BOH will be present at the command center located at the Fire Station if there is a disaster.

Call Log:

There were multiple complaints about the lack of trash pick-up by Waste Management.
B. Braley confirmed that the company is having staffing issues. She did drive around the neighborhood in which the complaints were most prevalent, but it appears the trash was recently picked-up.

Administrative Matters:

S. Slarsky noted that the FY'24 Budget is due on December 31, 2022, to the Town Manager's Office.
It was decided that the January 2023 meetings will be held on the 9th and 23rd.

The Board of Health received the third quarter bill for FY23 for Nursing Services from the Nashoba Board of Health.

A motion was by P. Peters to pay the bill from the Nashoba Board of Health in the amount of \$9,644.86.

Seconded by S. Slarsky.

Motion Passes (2-0)

S. Slarsky presented a reimbursement bill for ink.

**A motion was by P. Peters to reimburse S. Slarsky in the amount of \$29.51. Seconded by S. Slarsky.
Motion Passes (2-0)**

The renewals for Tobacco, Trash Hauler, and Animal permits we presented by S. Benoit.

**A motion was made by P. Peters to accept the Tobacco Permit applications. Seconded by S. Slarsky.
Motion Passes (2-0)**

The accepted Tobacco Permits are for Shaker Hills Country Club, Yatim Central Convenience, Family Dollar, and Barnum Road Liquors

**A motion was made by P. Peters to accept the Trash Hauler Permit application. Seconded by S. Slarsky.
Motion Passes (2-0)**

The accepted Trash Hauler Permit is for EL Harvey and Sons

A motion was made by P. Peters to accept the Animal and Fowl Permit application. Seconded by S. Slarsky.

Motion Passes (2-0)

The accepted Animal and Fowl Permit is for 7 Doug Rd.

**A motion was made by P. Peters to accept the November 14, 2022, Minutes. Seconded by S. Slarsky.
Motion Passes (2-0)**

**P. Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by S. Slarsky.
Motion Passed (2-0)**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25pm


Stephen Slarsky, *Chair*
Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, *Administrative Coordinator*