



TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of January 9, 2023 - 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; Pamela Papineau

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

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

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

Motion Passed (3-0)

The Board enter executive session at 5:32pm.

Open session reconvened at 5:55pm.

Public Input:

There was no one present for public input.

Old Business:

S. Slarsky noted that Sandy Pond had two negative tests, and therefore the algae bloom has officially passed.

New Business:

The Budget for the FY'24 was discussed. The Board would like to keep the budget that same as the one presented in FY'23.

P. Papineau made a motion to keep the FY'24 budget the same as the FY'23 budget. Seconded by P. Peters.

Motion Passes (3-0)

S. Slarsky presented on the FY'24 Budget for the Nashoba Board of the Health. The budget was originally presented with a 5% increase. A member suggested a 7.5% increase to the budget. Ayer dissented, feeling there was no real basis for the increase.

P. Peters agreed with S. Slarsky stance that there was no information supporting the 7.5% increase.

P. Papineau felt this was decision to be made at Town Meeting.

The Nashoba Board of Health is looking to increase their fees in the new fiscal year.

S. Slarsky presented a letter from the Mass Housing Code. He noted that the new regulations do not take into account local zoning and bylaws.

P. Papineau noted that the letter states the Board of Health is allowed approve alternative housing, but it does not explain the how and why.

B. Braley stated that the Ayer Motor Inn has a new owner and they have submitted an application to operate as a motel. B. Braley will inspect the building in conjunction with the Building and Fire Departments.

S. Slarsky suggested Monday, February 27th at 6:00pm as a tentative Public Hearing date.

Nashoba Update:

B. Braley submitted copies of Food Permits issued recently. The Cottage was given a Food Service Permit and a Catering Permit. Other business issued permits were Billards Café, Bar 25, the Ayer Senior Center, and Barnum Rd. Liquors.

A Title V inspection was completed at 30 Pine Ridge Dr. they property will need a D-Box.

An application for a D-Box replacement was sent in for the property at 27 Harvard Rd.

**P. Papineau made a motion to accept the D-Box Application for 27 Harvard Rd. Seconded by P. Peters.
Motion Passes (3-0)**

Call Log:

P. Papineau noted the continued complaints about Waste Management.

S. Benoit explained they are still struggling with staffing.

Administrative Matters:

S. Slarsky will be responding to an Assembly Drill.

S. Benoit presented all the approved Tobacco, Trash Hauler, and Animal Permits. S. Slarsky signed all the permits prior to the meeting so that no permits expired at the end of the year.

The approved Tobacco permits were for The Vineyard, Ayer Convenience, and the Ayer Package Store.

The approved Animal and Fowl permit was for 41 Washington St.

The approved Trash Hauler Permits were for D. Crescio Trucking, G.W. Shaw, Waste Management and Prime Disposal.

Republic Services' application was approved during the meeting.

Two trash haulers had renewed at the time of the meeting. United Hauling had sent in an incomplete application, and M. Sullivan and Son Disposal had not sent in an application. If applications are not received by the next meeting the Board will discuss what actions are to be taken.

**P. Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by P. Papineau.
Motion Passed (3-0)**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28pm



Stephen Slarsky, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator