

TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016



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Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm.

Members present included: *Chair Mary Spinner, Member Pamela Papineau and Clerk Patricia Peters;*
Administrative Assistant Jane Morriss, absent.

Meeting recorded by APAC

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): Various food permits were issued including: G. W. Archer, Inc., Ayer Shirley Regional High School, Family Dollar Store, The Lamp and Dragon, Lazy Mary's, McDonald's, The Medicine Shoppe, MOC Elderly Nutrition, Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Page Hilltop Elementary School, Parthenon Pizza, Shaker Hills Country Club Corp., Tiny's Inc., The Vineyard, Wendy's, and Woo Jung Restaurant. Several inspections were conducted including Mango Grill, The Lamp and Dragon, and Tipo Taco's. Mango Grill had two violations and a re-inspection will be conducted within the next six months. Karyn Baldino is the new owner of Dan's Place. 10 housing violations were found at 10-16 West Street, and a re-inspection will be conducted in 10 days. An emergency beaver permit was issued to the DPW to remove a beaver dam at the End of Rosewood Avenue. B. Braley has reported getting complaints about a new odor at Nasoya that appears to be coming from the older building. P. Peters reported that she and her husband have also experienced the odor. B. Braley should have been notified by Ed Coletta from the Mass DEP about the Pan Am toxic oil spill into Grove Pond. However, Mass DEP was on the scene immediately and the spill was contained. Keith Leighton (The Revival Pub) has been told that a bar is considered food service and plans will need to be submitted to the BOH.

QUARTERLY NABOH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (7 PM OCTOBER 6, 2016) (M. SPINNER):

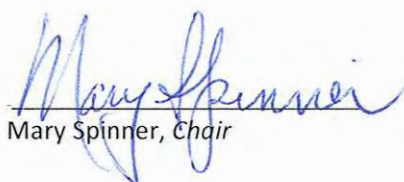
After a review of the recent audit, the balance sheet, and investments, the main topic of the meeting was the pension liability issue. Thirty years ago, NABOH joined with the state for pensions. The understanding was the employee would have the required amount deducted from his or her paycheck, and the state would contribute its share. Recently, the Board was notified it owed the pension fund a large amount of money because member organizations such as NABOH were not part of the state pension plan. Our Board hired a lobbyist contacted Senator Flannigan and presented a petition to the state legislature. Members testified as did Rep. Sheila Harrington. Nothing was done. Meanwhile, our finance head, Terri Counihan, is putting money aside each month. We know we will have to pay something, but cannot afford \$500,000 per year. We are a small organization representing 16 small communities. It was decided to not renew the lobbyist contract, and to contact our various state representatives and senators to get this matter heard early in the next legislative session.

RAB MEETING REPORT (P. PAPINEAU):

P. Peters went to the November 8 RAB meeting with P. Papineau where the Army Corp of Engineers provided an overview of all of the areas of concern, the samplings they have done, and provided graphs of the results. The Army Corp of Engineers has submitted its data to the EPA. The two agencies met on November 9th to go over the results, and the results of this meeting will be discussed at the next RAB meeting. By the end of November final groundwater flow model will be drafted and it will indicate whether the original groundwater flow model was accurate, or if the actual results indicate that their approach needs amending. The consensus is that it may need to be amended. PFAs and PFOAs, which are components of Teflon and the kind of foams used by airfields to fight fires, have recently been detected in one of the wells. Although the EPA has issued a health advisory, the effects these substances may have on health are not yet clear. Nor are there any specific protocols for removing these particulates from drinking water. There is a belief that filtering water through activated carbon filters, such as Brita, may be helpful, but it's not known for sure at this time. It is important to note that Ayer tap water does not have excess levels of these substances. The Board requested that J. Morriss have Systems Administrator C. Knox put add the Power Point presentation and the EPA health advisory to the BOH webpage. The PAN AM spill was also discussed at the RAB meeting and the Board seemed pleased with the way it was cleaned up. New monitoring wells have been drilled for on-going observation of the water quality in the area of the spill.

ADJOURN:

At 6:44 pm P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. A 3/0


Mary Spinner, Chair


Patricia Peters, Clerk


Pamela Papineau, Member

TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2016

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present included: *Chair Mary Spinner, Member Pamela Papineau, Clerk Patricia Peters and Administrative Assistant Jane Morriss.*

Meeting recorded by APAC

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): An inspection was completed at Ayer Page Hilltop School and permits to operate food service establishments were renewed for Apple Valley Center and Carlin's Restaurant. In addition, Carlin's Restaurant also had its license to sell milk and Cream renewed. B. Braley will be following up on two formal violation notices that were sent to Todd Johnson, the landlord of 49 E. Main Street and Larry Tocci, the landlord of 155 Willard Road.

NASOYA: We began getting complaints about NASOYA last week, with many of them coming from residents living in Littleton. This is a very different smell, and it seems to move. It has been characterize as a very strong smell of dead animals. Following a long period with no complaints. NABOH Director James Garreffo said that the situation is worse than ever. Tim Hudson of the DPW went out to investigate but didn't find anything amiss. B. Braley has organized a meeting and has invited the Mass. DEP, Selectman Hillman, DPW Superintendent Mark Wetzel along with the principles of NASOYA. The outcome of this meeting will be reported at the next meeting of the BOH. The Board will continue its inquiry into the matter at its next meeting December 12.

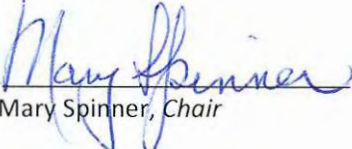
REVIEW OF MINUTES: P. Papineau made a motion to accept the minutes of October 3, and P Peters 2nd, and they were approved **3/0A**. P. Papineau made a motion to accept the minutes of October 17 as corrected, and P. Peters 2nd and they were approved **3/0A**.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- Next Meeting: Nasoya update, and status of permit renewals for tobacco and trash haulers. Looking forward, the Board needs to remember to add the Trash Hauler Permitting Regulation to the Town Report.
- Mail: P. Papineau said she will contact Jim Ropp, who is helping the Army with the groundwater cleanup at Devens landfill, to verify that the groundwater use restrictions are being maintained.

ADJOURN:

At 6:06 pm P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. **A 3/0**


Mary Spinner, Chair


Patricia Peters, Clerk

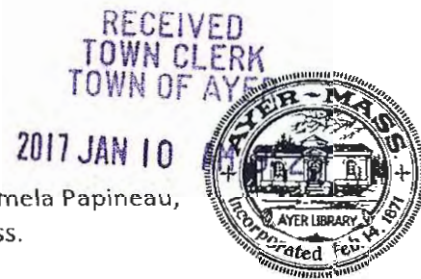

Pamela Papineau, Member

**TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present included: *Chair Mary Spinner, Member Pamela Papineau, Clerk Patricia Peters and Administrative Assistant Jane Morriss.*

Meeting recorded by APAC



PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): No report.

NASOYA: The Board asked J. Morriss to give them more clarity about the source of a schematic drawing pertaining to NASOYA, which she put in the "mail" folder without a cover letter. J. Morriss said she would research it and e-mail the results to the members.

NABOH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT (M. SPINNER): NABOH asked its member towns if they would consider supporting sanctions against companies who may have been found in violation of regulations in another member town. P. Papineau made a motion requiring the Board to recognize violations and to support disciplinary actions taken by the NABOH against companies or organizations operating in any of the NABOH member communities, as requested by Director James Garreffo. P. Peters seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the Board. **3/0 A**

NABOH REQUEST AN INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT (M. SPINNER): NABOH will be discussing its budget at the Quarterly meeting January 5, 2017. They are facing challenges and will be requesting a modest increase in their assessments to member towns of three to five percent in order to maintain a balanced budget.

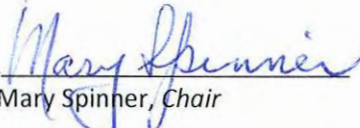
REVIEW OF MINUTES: M. Spinner said that the description of the NABOH Quarterly Meeting appearing in the November 14 minutes "didn't make sense." M. Spinner will re-draft that segment, and the revised minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. In the November 28 minutes, J. Morriss made a mistake with an address, and did not include the names of the landlords addressed in letters that went out from NABOH. J. Morriss said she would make those changes and re-submit the minutes at the next meeting on January 9, 2017.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- Next Meeting: Annual Report will include trash haulers this year. The budget will probably remain unchanged. Public Hearings will be included.
- Mail: Mass DEP report of routine water monitoring was confusing and P. Papineau said she would ask the DPW for more clarity.

ADJOURN:

At 6:52 pm P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. **A 3/0**


Mary Spinner, Chair


Patricia Peters, Clerk


Pamela Papineau, Member