

TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH
Public Hearing Minutes of July 10, 2017



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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: M. Spinner observed that the minutes for June 12 have not been submitted for Board approval. J. Morriss will look into it and present them for approval at the next meeting.
May 22 minutes, which were approved on June 26th, were signed with pending changes.
M. Spinner made a motion to approve the minutes covering the May 30th meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. The Board voted unanimously to accept, and signed. **3/0 A**
M. Spinner made a motion to approve the minutes covering the June 26 meeting, and P. Peters 2nd. The Board voted unanimously to accept, and signed. **3/0 A**

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): Fu Xiang, formerly known as Wok 'N' Roll: During the June 14 inspection, when seven critical violations were discovered at the restaurant, B. Braley had them throw out chicken that had been left sitting out—valued at approximately \$1000. She has returned twice since then. Wok 'N' Roll has been put on an accelerated inspection schedule and they are being charged for additional inspections. The Board has pledged its full support to do whatever she needs to do. She is also working with NABOH Director James Garreffi and the State to bring the restaurant into compliance. **Wastewater Permitting:** The permitting requirements for the new state wastewater regulation seem to be very similar to the permitting requirements for hauling sewerage, which is regulated through NABOH. The Board may need to adopt a regulation, but NABOH may be able to administer it. The new regulation requires a permit to be issued at the local point of origin. P. Papineau will be following up with more information at the next meeting.

ON-GOING BUSINESS: Administrative wrap-up for 41 E. Main Street: The permit was filed with the Town Clerk on July 11 after it was reviewed by the Town Administrator and C. Antonellis. J. Morriss will send a copy of the permit to the Planning Board before their next meeting. **Cannabis Laws and smoking age:** Although there is nothing new at the State level, the Board instructed J. Morriss to keep this item on future agendas. **Opioid crisis (P. Peters):** P. Peters e-mailed copies of article that appeared in the Nashoba Valley Voice about the program that was presented in Shirley last fall. The crisis is hitting the returning veteran population and people who have sustained sports injuries. Also discussed some of the pitfalls involved with some addicts who go to rehab programs and then get lost to their families and loved ones in the process. Another common problem are the number of different agencies that can get involved with an individual addict. M. Spinner suggested that the State should use some of the abandoned state-owned buildings, to use as rehabilitation centers. The Board will continue to consider how it might approach this problem.

NEW BUSINESS: HB 1112: The Board signed letters to State Representatives Sheila Harrington and Jennifer Benson and Maddie Ribble "vehemently opposing" HB 1112, which would allow developers to override local ordinances to build affordable housing units.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: The Board decided it would not meet on August 14. However, in the case of an emergency, the Board can meet on August 7.

ACTION ITEMS: Mary will report on the Quarterly meeting of NABOH; Pam will follow-up with wastewater permitting, and the Board will continue to monitor the situation at Wok 'N' Roll. The Board will continue its discussion about opioid addiction with P. Papineau inquiring into what resources may be available to us through MAHB and Mass Public Health Association.

ADJOURN: M. Spinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm, and P. Peters 2nd. **3/0 A**

Pam Papineau
Pam Papineau, *Chair*

Mary Spinner
Mary Spinner, *Clerk*

Patricia Peters
Patricia Peters, *Member*