

Ayer Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2009

Call to order 5:00pm

Members present: Margaret Kidder, Chair, Mary Spinner, Clerk and Marilyn McMillan, Member  
Also present: Michelle Carlisle, Administrative Assistant

- Minutes approval – 5/18/09 and 6/8/09
  - **Mary Spinner motioned to approve minutes from 5/18/09, M. McMillan 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 2/0.**
  - **Marilyn McMillan motioned to approve minutes from 6/8/09, M. Kidder 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 2/0.**
- Bills approval
  - MAHB \$70
  - Staples \$370.82
- Mail reviewed –
  - H1N1 Virus update from DPH – M. Kidder suggested it be forwarded to the schools. M. McMillan explained this is about giving the regular flu vaccination to at risk people and that it is not meant for the schools.
  - M. Carlisle to post pamphlet on Dead Birds and the West Nile Virus to the website, and at the library.
  - American Red Cross new guidelines on opening shelters – copy to BOS, Fire and Police.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review
  - Routine inspections.
  - Beach test results good – M. Carlisle to pull beach closing notification procedure and put on next agenda and email to M. Kidder.
  - Title 5 reports.
- Ruth Maxant's motion to vacate her legal agreement –
  - M. Kidder reviewed the motion to vacate that Ruth Maxant presented to the board.
    - **M. McMillan motioned to request Town Counsel's direction before making a decision, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
  - Ruth Maxant stated that this is the BOH's decision, not Town Counsel's.
- Communication between departments –
  - M. Kidder suggested that the board invite George Frost, Superintendent of Schools; Jim Garreffo, Director Nashoba Associated Boards of Health; Carol Horgan, Nursing Nashoba Associated Boards of Health; Ken Gikas, Emergency Preparedness Coalition and the Shirley Board of Health to the next BOH meeting to discuss the town's readiness for the upcoming fall flu season.
  - M. McMillan stated that these are the types of issues this board needs to be spending their time on. Issues that focus on the health for the entire town.
- Miscellaneous
  - Board signed the already approved permit for Susan Tordella-Williams.
  - Mark Velardi appeared before the board and stated he had heard that after the last meeting where he appeared, that the board was talking about him once he left. He claimed it was something about zoning. Board explained that, as in the other 2 requests to keep chickens (Lora Haines and Susan Tordella-Williams), his request was sent to the Conservation Commission and to the Zoning Enforcement Officer as an FYI only.
  - Summer schedule – Keep the 7/13/09 and 8/24/09 meetings. Also, the 7/27/09 meeting for now. Cancel the 8/10/09 meeting.

- 211 W. Main Street –
  - M. McMillan has recused herself from the discussion.
  - Notice of non-compliance was discussed. The NON was issued because a report was not filed on time and air quality tests were taken while the venting system was running and is supposed to test while the system is shut down. No action from this board is required at this time.
  - M. McMillan returned to the table.
- M. McMillan shared new recommendations for well water testing. M. Carlisle to get M. McMillan a copy of the current well water regulations so M. McMillan can compare to the new recommendations.
  - M. Carlisle to post the information on the website and at the library.
- M. McMillan shared information on all the chemicals used at Evergreen Solar. They use Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) but not chlorinated VOCs. M. McMillan to put together a packet of information for the board. M. Kidder stated to share with NABH.
- M. Carlisle to check with Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator, in regards to the board's request for Town Counsel services.
- M. McMillan stated she feels a bit harassed by Ruth Maxant's constant badgering of the board.
- M. Spinner shared a complaint from a resident regarding 2 apartments on Central Ave. M. Carlisle to ask B. Braley to look into it. M. Carlisle to give information to the Building Inspector as an FYI.
- 76 Central Ave. – M. Spinner learned that an official report was filed by the Building Inspector. M. Carlisle to request a copy of that report.
- Question from Karyn Carter, audience member, regarding the arsenic levels in the water of the McPhearson wells. Asked if it could be a lab error because it jumped so high from previous readings.
  - M. McMillan said no. There have always been issues. The lining of Shepley Hill's landfill is leaking. Board explained that Ayer is surrounded by contamination.
- M. Carlisle vacation request – June 30<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>. Request granted.
- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, M. McMillan 2<sup>nd</sup>, A3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

*Mary Spinner - 7/13/09*  
*Margaret M. Kidder 7/13/09*  
*Mandy McMillan 7/13/09*