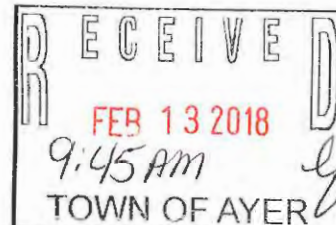


TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of December 11, 2017



Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by *Chair Pamela Papineau*

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None

REVIEW OF MINUTES: None.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): Nasoya's odor issues seem to be on-going, and the Selectmen have recently requested that it stay on the agenda for the foreseeable future. M. Spinner said Nasoya has spent \$11 million to address the problem, and they have indicated that they are going to continue working to alleviate the problem. The Board will continue to monitor the situation. B. Braley "approved" the plans for development of 217 West Main Street (five storage buildings with one of them housing an office) submitted on a ZBA Transmittal form. She wrote: "The facility must not be used to store toxic or hazardous materials as defined in the 'Aquifer Protection District Health Regulations.'" B. Braley also reviewed a ZBA Transmittal Form pertaining to 0 Groton Harvard Road, "disapproving" the plans with a comment: "Please be more specific about what 'miscellaneous' storage is."

END-OF-YEAR WRAP-UP: PFOA contamination of town wells will continue to be an issue into the coming year. Although the levels found in the drinking water appear to be below the threshold of concern at the present time, this could change once more is known about the effects of these substances. Currently, the EPA and the DEP are in the process of establishing a "safe level" for these substances. Quarterly monitoring shows the water, once it is blended from three wells, is well below the current level of concern. Ayer is working with the Mass. EPA, DEP, and the Army Corp of Engineers to monitor the situation. Meanwhile, the Board of Selectmen have inserted a \$5 million "place holder" in the budget to be used to remediate the wells at Grove Pond if the need should arise. The DPW is scheduled to meet with the Capital Planning Committee on Dec. 21 to address the financial aspects of possible remediation. M. Spinner suggested it might be a good idea to have a joint meeting with the BOH, BOS and DPW Superintendent to discuss the situation to the public to allay public anxiety over this issue. The Board also agreed that it's Annual Report would include a list of the permits that it's issued during the 2017 calendar year.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Mail: Received an invitation to attend an Opioid Prevention and Awareness Night at Monty Tech in Fitchburg, December 12; MA DEP inspection reports of J.P. Routhier concerning Waste Ban Compliance and Operation & Maintenance; and a report from National Grid reporting on the herbicide treatment protocols pertaining to National Grid's five-year vegetation management plan and yearly operational plan.

Bills: The Board members authorized the payment of \$117 to WPKZ Radio for advertising promoting the Opioid Crisis Symposium.

Action items for January 8 meeting: RAB meeting, Annual Report, minutes, DPW well mitigation plans. List of anyone who has not renewed permits—for food or tobacco.

Miscellaneous: The Board expressed its appreciation to the Laggis family, and their contributions to the town. After doing business in Ayer for 103 years, the P.N. Laggis store is closing and Nick Laggis is retiring. It also should be mentioned that in addition to running the store, N. Laggis also served as the long-time treasurer of the Downtown Association.

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

Pam Papineau, Chair

Mary Spinner, Clerk

Patricia Peters, Member