

TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of January 22, 2017



Meeting was called to order at 5:30 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: Minutes from November 27, and December 11, 2017, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

M. Spinner made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8, as corrected, and P. Peters, 2nd. **3/0 A**

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): B. Braley sent a letter sent to owner of 139 Willard Street enumerated a number of violations that needed to be fixed within 30 days. (Letter went out on January 17.) Inspections completed for: Union Coffee Roasters, Nashoba Club, Verona Pizza, and Tiny's. Tiny's had seven critical violations, and will be re-inspected in two – three weeks. Caza Manor and Hillside Mobile Home Park received licenses to operate recreational camps, overnight camps or cabins, motels and trailer coach parks.

NABOH QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (M. SPINNER): M. Spinner gave the Board the NABOH/Ayer budget figures for 2019, (up 5 percent over 2018. Environmental: \$19,258.16, and Community Health \$8,788.46; total \$28,046.64), and J. Morriss will give the figures to the Town Accountant. The December 8 meeting with the State to discuss the pension issue was cancelled, so there is nothing new to report. The state is telling NABOH that it needs to fund its pension plan back to 2014. In the future, stores that sell only pre-packaged food items may be exempted from having to have a food permit. NABOH partnered with another entity to run their flu clinics, and they did "pretty well." They are having problems in one of the towns regarding building codes and granting septic permits. NABOH's "Teddy Bear Days" in the schools to teach children about going to the doctor have been very effective. Drainage on Central Avenue is very poor, and DPW Superintendent M. Wetzel has been out to look at it. It will be expensive to fix, and it will need to be fixed, soon. Currently, NABOH is fully staffed. Their health plans went up seven percent over last year.

RAB MEETING INCLUDING DISCUSSION ABOUT DEP WELL-REMEDICATION PLANS (P. PAPINEAU & P. PETERS): P. Peters said Laurie Nehring questioned what the town was going to do about the PFOAs in the drinking water. M. Spinner added that the remediation of PFOAs in the town drinking water is a "hot topic" at the meetings of the Water and Sewer Rate Commission, and Capital Planning Committees. Remediation would take a huge amount of money (estimated at \$5 million) which would come out of the water enterprise fund. DPW Superintendent M. Wetzel is planning to have more definitive numbers in March. Closing down one well would not solve the problem, as the substance would only show up in the remaining wells. The next RAB meeting is scheduled to be held on April 12 at Town Hall, where they are expected to report on what the background levels for arsenic is for the area. Eighty percent of the test wells at Shepley's Hill are improving or staying the same.

DISCUSSION OF WHETHER CHANGES MADE TO PLANS FOR 41 E. MAIN STREET WARRANT ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT REGULATION: P. Papineau offered to draft a letter to the developer asking him to submit a document comparing the new plans with the previous plans, showing precisely what has changed and what is staying the same. The Board will take the matter up at its next meeting, February 12. A special permit is filed with the deed to the property at the Registry of Deeds. The Special Permit references the specific, dated site plan, the drawings, the calculations, all the supporting documentation to say exactly what it was that was approved. Whether or not the changes require a new public hearing, the Board will need to issue a new special permit that references the final project, and the specific drawings of the final project.

DISCUSSION ABOUT CONTENT OF ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2017: Tabled.

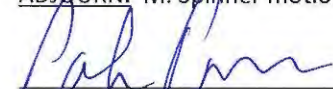
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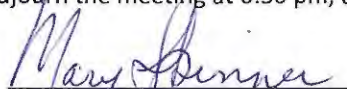
Mail: 217 West Main Street: Although the site is definitely within the aquifer district, the developer does not need to have a special permit because there is ample permeable area available on the lot to recharge the aquifer. A copy of the inspection report of J.P. Routhier tire recycling business.

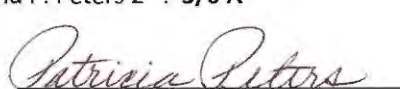
Action items for February 12 meeting:

Miscellaneous: J. Morriss sent a second packet to Sullivan & Sons Trash Haulers after speaking with Mrs. Sullivan. She also attended a meeting called by Town Planner M. Archambault to discuss building permitting protocols for developers. P. Papineau may go to a meeting of the Open Space Committee next Monday (January 29th).

ADJOURN: M. Spinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm, and P. Peters 2nd. **3/0 A**


Pam Papineau, *Chair*


Mary Spinner, *Clerk*


Patricia Peters, *Member*