## TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes of August 6, 2018

Chair P. Peters called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. in the downstairs meeting room of the Ayer Town Hall. Members present included: *Chair* Patricia Peters, *Vice Chair* Pamela Papineau, and *Clerk* Mary Spinner. *Administrative Assistant* Jane Morriss was also present. *Police Chief* William Murray was also in attendance. This meeting was recorded by APAC





## PUBLIC INPUT: None

RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR: Following Carlene Purdy's abrupt resignation as Animal Inspector on July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Town Administrator immediately appointed Animal Control Officer Julie Thomas to cover as the Town's interim Animal Inspector. The BOH then convened this meeting to make her appointment as the Town's new Animal Inspector official, effective immediately, and running through April 30, 2019. *Chair* P. Peters read J. Thomas' cover letter (filed with these minutes) to the Board. Following a short discussion, and review of J. Thomas' resume, *Clerk* M. Spinner made a motion to appoint Julie Thomas as the Ayer Animal Inspector, Vice Chair P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination. A 3/0

Afterwards, Administrative Assistant J. Morriss was instructed to give Kevin Johnston a copy of the nomination papers and to reach out to the local veterinarian clinics and hospitals asking them to update their contact information. Police Chief William Murray told the Board he would honor the Duties of the Animal Inspector and Animal Control Officer, as defined during a meeting in 2014, and that he would work to respect the jurisdictional boundaries agreed upon in during the meeting of J. Morriss said she would find a copy of the agreement and share it with J. Thomas. There was an acknowledgement that many towns have one person designated to serve as both the Animal Control Officer and Animal Inspector. And it was the general consensus of those in the room was that combining the duties of Animal Control Officer and Animal Inspector might serve the Town better than having the duties assigned to separate people.

ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 27 MEETING: Discussion of issues related to BOH changing responsibilities in matters pertaining to aquifer protection, and review of the Board's Animal Regulation.

ADJOURN: M. Spinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6 pm, and P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>. A 2/0

Patricia Peters, Chair

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Pamela Papineau, Vice Chair

Mary Spinner, Clerk