



TOWN OF AYER  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

TOWN HALL – 1 MAIN STREET – AYER, MASSACHUSETTS 01432 – (978) 772-8213

**Minutes of September 23, 2019 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting**

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Ayer Town Hall

Meeting was recorded by APAC

**Members Present:** Pamela Papineau, Chairman, Mary Spinner Clerk, and Patricia Peters

**Also Present:** Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator

**Chairman Papineau opened the meeting at 5:32 PM**

**Public Input:** None.

P. Peters stated that she received an email from a resident complaining about the porta pottie on Central Ave.

P. Papineau stated that the Board of Health does not have any regulations regarding porta potties in town but suggested that P. Peters forward the email to Ms. Hampson so that she may follow up with B. Braley on the issue.

**Review of Minutes from September 9, 2019**

The Board reviewed the minutes from September 9, 2019.

At 5:35 PM, M. Spinner made a motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 2019 as written. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

**Discussion, Update on PFAS from PACE**

P. Papineau stated that Laurie Nehring will be attending the meeting this evening to update the Board on the work that PACE has been doing. P. Papineau suggested that the Board move forward on the agenda and come back to the discussion when Ms. Nehring arrives.

**Review of Current Regulation.**

**Aquifer Protection Regulation**

P. Papineau stated that she has no update on the Regulations but suggested that they stay on the agenda so the Board can stay updated.

**Body Art Regulation**

P. Papineau stated that she will would like to do some research on the Body Art Regulations as well as speak to B. Braley. P. Papineau stated that there are some more invasive body art items that the Board may want to have restrictions on and would like to see what other towns have in their regulations.

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### **Discussion, EEE Update**

P. Papineau stated that she went on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website and found information regarding EEE in the state. P. Papineau printed a map showing the areas in the state of high and elevated concern stating that although Ayer is not in any of those areas but surrounding towns like Harvard and Shirley are. P. Papineau shared with the Board some statistics regarding EEE and the number of infected people and deaths in the state.

H. Hampson stated that the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources sent the Board a letter listing additional aerial sprayings that will be conducted in the area. H. Hampson stated that the spraying does not include Ayer but does include Harvard and Shirley and posted the information to the Board page on the town website.

### **Discussion, Vaping**

P. Papineau stated that she went to the Center of Disease Control (CDC) website for more information regarding vaping. P. Papineau shared some statistics with the Board including a total of 530 cases of lung injuries reported as of September 19<sup>th</sup> linked to vaping in six states. P. Papineau stated that anyone wanting more information can go to the CDC website.

### **Discussion, Update on PFAS from PACE**

Laurie Nehring thanked the Board for letting her come in and update them. L. Nehring started but informing the Board the they received the ATSDR grant to study the health effects on residents in both Ayer and Hyannis. The company that will preform the research is Silent Springs and Laural Schaidler will be the contact for the town regarding the research they will be doing. L. Nehring went over the details of the research study that will be done and stated that she would like to hold with the Boards help an information meeting regarding the study and grant to try and get volunteers for the project.

P. Papineau stated that the Board would be happy to help in any way they can.

L. Nehring thanked the Board for their support.

L. Nehring stated that regarding the PFAS levels at the well near the Devens Airport. L. Nehring stated that she has been paying close attention to the correspondence coming from the EPA regarding the request for further monitoring of the well area. L. Nehring stated that compared to other towns with the similar problems with PFAS the town of Ayer is in good shape.

### **NABOH Report (B. Braley):**

P. Papineau went through the materials from Nashoba Board of Health which included food inspections and a copy of a failed Title V report for 91 Littleton Road.

### **Administrative Matters:**

**Mail**

P. Papineau went through the mail the Board received since the last meeting which included quarterly budget report, MDAR EEE update, and a bill from Nashoba Associated Board of Health for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**Misc.**

P. Papineau asked if there was an update on the animal permits renewals.

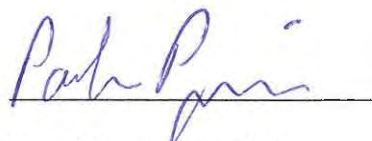
H. Hampson stated that there are still five outstanding renewals that she has not heard from. H. Hampson stated that she will give the list of those that have not renewed their permit to Julie Thomas, Animal Inspector to follow up on.

**Action Items for October 7, 2019 Meeting:**

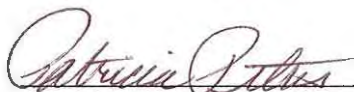
Continued review of Aquifer and Body Art Regulations and an update from M. Spinner on Nashoba Associated Boards of Health quarterly meeting.

**Adjourn:**

**M. Spinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM, and P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)**



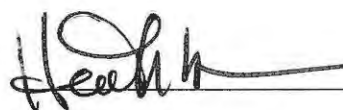
Pamela Papineau, *Chair*



Patricia Peters, *Member*



Mary Spinner, *Clerk*



Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hampson, *Administrative Coordinator*