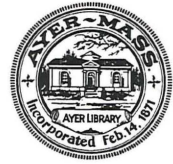


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Minutes of November 4, 2019 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

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 5:31 PM

Agenda

At 5:32 PM M. Spinner made a motion to move public input till after the discussion on the vaping information meeting. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Discussion, Vaping Informational Meeting, Virginia Leonard, Nashoba Valley Hospital

P. Papineau stated that there will be a public forum on November 13, 2019 at Nashoba Valley Hospital at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Virginia Leonard stated that the hospital will hold a vaping forum and will focus on what happens to your lungs when you vape. Ms. Leonard passed out the presentation that will be given at the form for the Board and those present at the meeting to review.

P. Papineau stated that the Board has recently revised its tobacco and smoking regulations which includes vaping but agreed that it is always good to keep the conversation about vaping active.

Ms. Leonard stated that a member from the Board of Health will be present for the public forum as well as several doctors from Nashoba Valley to explain what happens to your lungs when you vape and to answer any questions the public has.

Public Input

Present: Ms. Cyndy Lavin and many area residents

Ms. Cyndi Lavin was present for public input to speak to the Board regarding her weekly Friday potluck dinners she has been holding at the Living Waters Church to help feed the needy. Ms. Lavin stated that the Nashoba Board of Health has shut down the weekly dinners and she is before the Board to ask them to allow her to keep running her weekly potluck.

Ms. Lavin read aloud a statement giving the background of what she has been doing around town and her plea to the Board to allow her to remain operating the weekly dinners. Ms. Lavin stated that she has received her Serve Safe Certificate as well as notified all those that attended that the food has not been inspected and was prepared in a personal kitchen. Ms. Lavin stated that she was made aware that the

Board will not be acting on the issue this evening and thanked them for their time and all those that come in support of her cause this evening.

P. Papineau explained to those present the sequence of events that have led to this evening stating that Nashoba Board of Health is hired by the town to be the agent to enforce all local and state health codes. Nashoba was the contact that Ms. Lavin had been dealing with for the past few months. This meeting is the first the Board has heard of the issues and would like more information before making any kind of decision on the issue.

Ms. Lavin provided the Board with Massachusetts General Law that describes what is allowed under the definition of a potluck dinner which is what she is having at the church on Fridays and once a month on Sunday which is allowed.

P. Papineau stated that the Board needs to get clarification on the definition as there is concern with wording.

Several residents expressed their appreciation for everything Ms. Lavin is doing for the community and were concerned that the Board has shut down the potluck. Many residents expressed that the Mass General Law that Ms. Lavin presented to the Board was clear and did not need further explanation and urged the Board to allow Ms. Lavin to continue her work.

P. Papineau stated that the Board will place the item on the agenda for the next meeting on November 18, 2019 when a member from Nashoba Board of Health can be present to help answer questions from the public.

Review of Minutes from October 21, 2019

The Board reviewed the minutes from October 21, 2019.

At 6:57 PM, M. Spinner made a motion to accept the minutes of October 21, 2019 as written. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Discussion, Report RAB Meeting

P. Papineau stated that there is nothing new to report but will keep in the item on the agenda.

Review of Current Regulation

Aquifer Protection Regulation

P. Papineau stated that she spoke to B. Braley regarding the changes that need to be made to the Aquifer Regulation. Once the changes are made B. Braley will review them before the Board needs to vote on them.

Body Art Regulation

P. Papineau handed out several different Body Art Regulations from other towns for the Board to review and see if there was anything the Board would like to add to their existing Body Art Regulations.

Discussion, Permits

H. Hampson stated that she had sent out the trash hauler and tobacco renewal letters last week to all those that received a permit from the Board last year. There were ten trash hauler permits issued, and 15 tobacco issued by the Board last year. H. Hampson stated that she sent a few additional trash hauler applications out to different haulers that may do some work in town.

There are still 4 outstanding chicken permits from last year. Certified letters did go out to the property owners and animal inspector Julie Thomas did verify there are still chickens on the property.

NABOH Report (B. Braley):

There were no materials from Nashoba.

Administrative Matters:

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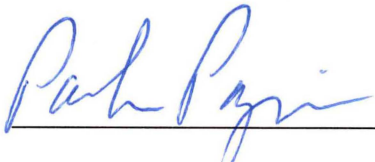
P. Papineau went through the mail the Board received since the last meeting which included a possible rabies exposure for a cat at 10 Myrick Street and several letters from DEP to property owners at 11, 12 31 and 43 Willow Road near the tire recycling center requesting permission to conduct soil testing.

Action Items for November 18, 2019 Meeting:

P. Papineau went through the action items for the next meeting which include a discussion with Cyndi Lavin continued review of Aquifer and Body Art Regulations as well as the PFAS discussion will remain on the agenda and an update on permit renewals.

Adjourn:

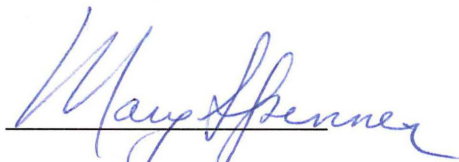
M. Spinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM, and P. Peters seconded. No discussion.
Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)



Pamela Papineau, *Chair*



Patricia Peters, *Member*



Mary Spinner, *Clerk*

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Hampson, *Administrative Coordinator*