

TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of September 14, 2020 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting was recorded by APAC

Members Present: Pamela Papineau, Chairman, and Patricia Peters
(Member participated remotely)

Absent: Mary Spinner

Also Present: Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Papineau opened the meeting at 5:30 PM

Public Input

Laurie Nehring from PACE and Laurel Schaidler from Silent Springs.

Ms. Laurie Nehring wanted to introduce Ms. Laurel Schaidler who will give an update on the PFAS study that she will be conducting along with her group at Silent Springs.

Ms. Laurel Schaidler stated that the ATSR which is part of the CDC is conducting a study on PFAS her group applied to be part of the study which includes 7 communities through out the country. The study will look at 1,000 adults and 300 kids from each area. In Massachusetts, the study will be split between Hyannis and Ayer, with 2/3 of the participants from Hyannis and 1/3 from Ayer. L. Schaidler went over the reasoning and details of the study stating that COVID-19 has delayed the start of their research.

L. Nehring stated that she would like to come to another meeting to have a more formal discussion about the project and the Board of Health involvement. L. Nehring stated that the Department of Public Works has been very helpful with outreach and information about the water in town and they have been following the changes on the guidelines from both the Federal and State government. L. Nehring stated that she would like to also inform the Board of these changes at an upcoming meeting.

P. Papineau stated there can be an ongoing item added to upcoming agendas to allow L. Nehring and L. Schaidler to give mini updates and discussion about PFAS and the Silent Spring study.

Review of Minutes from June 8, 2020

At 6:12 PM, P. Papineau made a motion to accept the minutes of June 8, 2020 as presented. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Vote to approve. Unanimous vote to approve. (2-0-0)

NABOH Report (B. Braley) and COVID-19 Discussion:

Present: B. Braley, Nashoba Associated Boards of Health

P. Papineau thanked Ms. Bridgette Braley for all her hard work during the pandemic along with all those

working at Nashoba Associated Board of Health.

B. Braley stated that the town is in a good position now and asked that people continue to wear their masks and social distance. B. Braley stated that if anyone is looking for information on COVID-19 or the State's reopening guidelines she urged them to go directly to the State's website Mass.gov.

B. Braley had a few updates for the Board including the recent sale of the Caza Manor Motel which may require a public hearing at an upcoming meeting.

B. Braley also mentioned that the flu clinic dates have been set by Nashoba Associated Board of Health and in Ayer the clinic will be held on Monday October 19th at the Ayer Shirley High School. B. Braley asked the Board for volunteers during the clinic. The clinic will be from 2 PM to 4 PM for 60 and over and 4 PM to 6 PM for all ages.

B. Braley stated that she is starting to do inspections again and did all the inspections at the school last week. The COVID-19 numbers and have been good through in town but overall, in the state an increase in cases has been seen in the 12-24 age group.

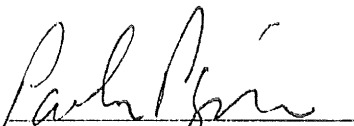
P. Papineau asked B. Braley about testing locations.

B. Braley stated that the state as all testing locations listed on the State's website Mass.gov.

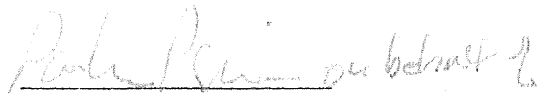
P. Papineau thanked B. Braley for her time and all her hard work on behalf of the Town of Ayer.

Adjourn:

P. Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM, and P. Papineau seconded. No discussion.
Unanimous vote to approve. (2-0-0)


Pamela Papineau, Chair

Patricia Peters, Member


Mary Spinner, Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator