



TOWN OF AYER
BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of May 24, 2021 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

Members Present: Pamela Papineau, Chairman, Patricia Peters (arrived 6:16 pm) and Stephen Slarsky (Members participated remotely)

Also Present: Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator and Bridgett Braley from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health

Chairman Papineau opened the meeting at 5:30 PM

Public Input

There was no one from the public present.

P. Papineau stated that she received a call from a resident regarding trash containers on 48 Central Ave.

B. Braley stated that she has also received a complaint about the trash containers and will be speaking with the building commissioner regarding them so he will speak to the contractor on site.

Review of Trash Hauler Regulations

Present: Laurie Sabol

P. Papineau stated that the Board first discussed the Trash Hauler Regulations with Ms. Laurie Sabol back in January to discuss how the Board can increase recycling in town and to become more compliant with state recycling regulations. P. Papineau stated that she went through the Board's Regulations and made a spreadsheet showing how the current regs match up against state recycling standards.

Ms. Laurie Sabol stated that her main reason for coming to the Board is to have the regulations strengthened to get more people to recycle. Ms. Sabol stated that she reviewed the spreadsheet that P. Papineau had drafted and had a few comments regarding the trash haulers notifying customers about the Massachusetts waste ban and notify the Board of where the recycling is going.

P. Papineau stated that those items may have been listed in new applications but many of the trash haulers have been permitted through the town for several years. P. Papineau stated that this is something that the Board will have to investigate and may request of all haulers to resend.

Ms. Sabol stated that she had looked at many other surrounding towns and their regulations have a bit more language to encourage more recycling in apartments and multi-family settings where dumpsters are used. This is the area of concern for recycling since there is only one container on site recycling most likely is not occurring.

S. Slarsky stated that a letter should be drafted to all the trash haulers regarding Ms. Sabol's concerns

about recycling in dumpsters. The letter to ask where the recycling is going and for a copy of the note given to customers about the Massachusetts waste ban.

P. Papineau stated that she would like to review the other town regulations that Ms. Sabol had mentioned to see if there is any language the Board may want to add to their own regulations.

The discussion will be on the next agenda.

COVID-19

B. Braley stated that the town continues to move in the right direction with numbers falling and more people being vaccinated. There are several restrictions that are being lifted as of Saturday May 29th, all the information regarding the changes is listed on Mass.gov.

There continues to be vaccine clinics held on Devens on Wednesdays that are open to anyone.

The Board had a brief discussion with B. Braley regarding mask requirements and private businesses.

NABOH Update

B. Braley stated that she had conducted several food service inspections as well as a few housing inspections. There has been an increase of calls regarding restrictions with the transition of things opening back up but no major complaints.

Minutes March 22, 2021

At 6:18 PM P. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021, as written. S. Slarsky seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve.

Action Items for June 14, 2021

P. Papineau stated that Board will hold votes for Board Reorganization, review licenses issued by Nashoba, update on animal permits and status of trash hauler regulations.

S. Slarsky stated that he would like to know what permits and licenses are issued by Nashoba Board of Health on behalf of the Ayer Board of Health.

B. Barley stated that she could have a list for the next meeting.

S. Slarsky mentioned that he would like to see a weekly or bi-weekly call log for all the calls that come into the Board of Health office that just give a name, number, reason for call and if any action taken.

H. Hampson stated that she could create a log for the Board and will send it out bi-weekly.

Adjourn:

S. Slarsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM, and P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)


Pamela Papineau, Chair


Patricia Peters, Member


Steven Slarsky, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Hampson, *Administrative Coordinator*

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