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Minutes of September 13, 2021 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

Members Present: Stephen Slarsky, Chairman, Pamela Papineau, and Patricia Peters

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

Chairman Slarsky opened the meeting at 5:45 PM after an Executive Session.

Public Input

There was no one from the public present.

Discussion, Idling Trucks at Alltown Gas Station, Harvard Rd

B. Braley stated that a complaint come into the Building Department regarding idling trucks at Alltown gas station that she investigated under air pollution regulations. B. Braley stated that she spoke to the store manager regarding the trucks, and they would speak to the overnight staff. There are signs stating that there is no idling for trucks. The police sent a log with activity to B. Bradley that she included in a letter to the owner stating the violation.

S. Slarsky thanked B. Braley for her time on the issue and the Board will monitor the gas station to ensure the situation does not continue.

COVID-19

B. Braley stated that the area is not in a good situation at this time. There are more positive cases in younger kids from indoor gathering and sporting events. Most of the positive cases are those that are unvaccinated through there have been some breakthrough cases. Now there are about 30-40 positives cases a day in the Nashoba area with lots of community spread.

P. Peters asked if contract tracing was still going on as it was in the spring.

B. Braley stated that the nurses in her office are working on contract tracing and working on getting it back up to where it was in the spring as it was partially dismantled.

S. Slarsky asked if test sites where listed on the town's website.

B. Braley stated that testing locations vary from location to location.

H. Hampson stated that there is a link on the Board of Health page on the website under COVID 19 to the Mass.gov section on testing locations.

NABOH Update

B. Braley stated that she did a food inspection at Osawa and will be doing a follow up inspection in a few weeks. A new restaurant has opened in town in the location of Carlins, called Last Stop Grill. B. Braley also mentioned that she inspected the Junction RFD and informed the Building Department of them doing construction without permits. There was also an application for a septic system on Fitchburg Road

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At 6:08 PM P. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2021, meeting as written. P. Papineau seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Administrative Items

Correspondence

S. Slarsky stated that the Board received another complaint regarding the trash containers at 48 Central Ave. S. Slarsky mentioned that the last time this was brought to the Board's attention they decided to take no action, as this was not an isolated incident in town. There is also a working group within the Town Hall looking at Zoning Bylaws and Regulations that may address the issue. S. Slarsky also stated that he would prefer that the trash be picked up then be collecting on the property.

P. Papineau agreed that it is better the trash be picked up and stated that the trash container are left out for an average of 24 to 36 hours, and understands that people either work late or are busy and can't always bring their trash bins in from the curb right away.

Bill

S. Slarsky stated that there is a bill from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health for quarterly Nursing and Environmental services for the Board to approve.

At 6:14 PM P. Papineau made a motion to approve the bill from Nashoba Board of Health. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Action Items for September 27, 2021 Meeting

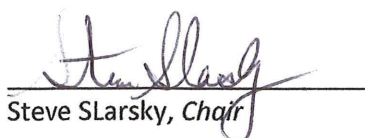
S. Slarsky asked P. Papineau if they should invite PACE back to a meeting for an update.

P. Papineau stated that there is a PACE meeting this week and will ask Laurie Nehring if she is interested in coming back before the Board on the 27th.

P. Peters also mentioned that the Board should get an update about the Silent Springs study as well.

Adjourn:

P. Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM, and P. Papineau seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)


Steve Slarsky, Chair


Patricia Peters, Member


Pam Papineau, Member