



TOWN OF AYER

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

### **Minutes of November 9, 2020 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting**

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC

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

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

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

#### **Public Input**

Ms. Laurie Nehring gave the Board a brief update on the work RAB and PACE have been doing along with their meeting schedule.

#### **Discussion Update from PACE and Silent Springs**

*Present: Laurie Nehring from PACE and Laurel Schaidler from Silent Spring*

Ms. Laurel Schaidler gave a brief power point presentation on PFAS. The information in the presentation included where PFAS have been found across the country and where similar studies are being conducted. Ms. Schaidler also gave details on how PFAS get into the ground water and went some minor details of the study that Silent Spring will be conducting here in Ayer and in Hyannis. Ms. Schaidler also gave a brief update on the DEP regulations for PFAS allowed in drinking water.

P. Papineau thanked Laurel Schaidler for her presentation and asked her to send it via email so that it could be posted on the Town's website.

P. Papineau stated that the Board had a few items on the next few meetings and asked if Ms. Schaidler could come back in January with more information and another presentation.

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

P. Papineau mentioned that Health Agent Bridgette Braley could not make the meeting this evening but gave her a brief update on the COVID cases in town. The number of COVID cases in each of the 17 towns that Nashoba Associated Boards of Health serve are seeing an increase. The schools are not seeing an increase, most cases seem to be caused by dining out due to the difficulty of staying 6 feet apart, takeout remains a safe option. There have been around 8 new cases in the Town of Ayer and positive tests are still coming in. One area of concern is people not being truthful when conducting contact tracing.

P. Papineau stated that B. Braley sent the Board updated information from the State that the Board will have placed on the COVID section on the Town's website.

H. Hampson stated that B. Braley dropped off a few restaurant inspection reports along with permit

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renewals.

#### Permits

H. Hampson stated that she has mailed out the tobacco license renewals and will be sending out the trash hauler renewals in the next week. Both those permits expire at the end of the year. H. Hampson also mentioned that a new chicken application came into the office this week and will work with Chairman Papineau to get all the permits signed.

#### Action Items for November 23, 2020

P. Papineau went over the items for the next Board of Health agenda on November 23, 2020 which include a deed restriction request from Calvin Moore and his engineer, Bruce Ringwall from GPR, Inc for his property on Rattlesnake Drive.

#### Minutes September 28, 2020

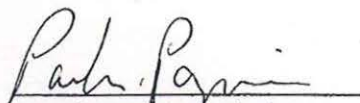
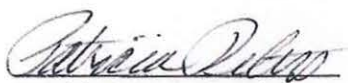
At 6:24 PM P. Papineau made a motion to approve the minutes from September 28, 2020 as presented.

P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (2-0-0)

#### Adjourn:

P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM, and P. Peters seconded. No discussion.

Unanimous vote to approve. (2-0-0)

  
Pamela Papineau, Chair  
Patricia Peters, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator