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Minutes of March 22, 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 5:35 PM

Public Input

None.

Discussion, Trash Hauler Regulations

P. Papineau stated that at the last meeting Laurie Sabol and Irene Congdon from MassDEP gave a presentation to the Board regarding Soil Waste Trash Hauler Regulations and additions that can be made to meet current state laws. P. Papineau stated that she went through the current waste hauler regulations and a few of the suggestions made at the meeting last week seem to be in the regulations already. P. Papineau stated that she does have a few questions for Ms. Irene Congdon regarding the suggested changes to the regulations.

P. Peters expressed concerns on oversight on compliance on existing and any changes to regulations requiring recycling.

P. Papineau agreed that ensuring compliance will be a challenge.

P. Papineau suggested that the Board continue to review the existing regulations and the suggestions from Ms. Congdon and discuss them at the next meeting. Laurie Sabol and Irene Congdon will be coming back to the Board on April 12th.

COVID-19

B. Braley stated that the town continues to move in the right direction with numbers falling and more people being vaccinated. The next few weeks may be different with numbers increasing but will have to wait and see. B. Braley went over guidelines for those that have been vaccinated stating that they still need to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. B. Braley mentioned that the travel order changed as of today and went on to mention that reopening items change each week and has been working hard to keep up with them.

NABOH Update

B. Braley stated that she continues to go out on restaurant and housing inspections.

Review Letters to be sent to Local State Representatives

P. Papineau stated that she has drafted a letter to send to the two State Representatives showing support to add Health Agents to the same group retirement listing as first responders. P. Papineau stated that the job of a health agent can be dangerous and demanding and supports the proposed change.

At 6:17 PM P. Papineau made a motion send at letter to the two State Representatives supporting the change the health agent's retirement group. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Appointment of Animal Inspector

At 6:21 PM P. Papineau made a motion to re-appointment Julie Thomas to the position of animal/barn inspector for the Board of Health for the upcoming year. Mr. Steve Slarsky seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (3-0-0)

Minutes from March 8, 2021

At 6:26 PM P. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. P. Papineau seconded. No discussion. Vote to approve 3-0.

Action Items for April 12, 2021

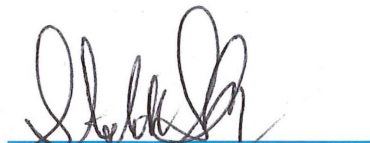
P. Papineau stated at the next meeting the Board will continue to the review of the Trash Hauler Regulations with Laurie Sabol and Irene Congdon and continued update from Nashoba Board of Health on COVID-19.

Adjourn:

P. Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM, and S. Slarsky 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