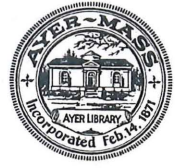


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TOWN HALL – 1 MAIN STREET – AYER, MASSACHUSETTS 01432 – (978) 772-8213

Minutes of January 11, 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 and Stephen Slarsky
(Members participated remotely)

Also Present: Heather Hampson, Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Papineau opened the meeting at 5:33 PM

Public Input

None.

Continued Public Hearing 96 East Main Street

Present: Steve Wentzell, owner and Attorney Christopher Lilly Representative for Mr. Wentzell

P. Papineau gave a summary from the last meeting including the request from B. Braley to speak to Town Council regarding the Zoning of the property with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Fire Inspector. P. Papineau stated that B. Braley requested some information at the last meeting and asked Mr. Wentzell if the Board had received all the information as requested.

P. Papineau also mentioned that since B. Braley is not present for the meeting this evening the hearing will be continued to hear from her before the Board votes on the application.

Attorney Christopher Lilly stated that Mr. Wentzell had sent B. Braley a list of all the units and the number of people staying there and for how long. Mr. Wentzell only included information from since he purchased the motel back in September.

Attorney Lilly went over the units and the number of people staying there and for how long. Units 1-10A have all been long term rentals, over 90 days. All units are occupied at this time.

P. Papineau stated that there is a question on whether the use of the property is allowed by zoning. The Board of Health cannot make that decision, that is why Town Council was requested. Without knowing how the conversation with Council had gone and what questions are still outstanding the Board cannot decide on the property in granting a license to operate a hotel/motel since there is long term rentals at the property.

The Board had a discussion with Mr. Wentzell and Attorney Lilly regarding the use of the property and the number of people staying in each unit and the length of time they have been there.

The Board then discussed Zoning and the possibility of Mr. Wentzell needing to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the use to allow for extended stay/long term rentals at the property.

Attorney Lilly requested to speak with Town Council to discuss the issue of Zoning on the property before the next meeting.

P. Papineau will discuss the matter with the Town Managers office.

At 6:21 PM S. Slarsky made a motion to continue the public hearing for 96 East Main Street till the next Board of Health meeting on January 25, 2021. P. Peters seconded. Unanimous vote to approve (3-0-0)

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

COVID-19

P. Papineau stated that she spoke to B. Braley about the cases in town and mentioned that the town continues to be in a high-risk zone.

H. Hampson informed the Board that she has updated the COVID-19 section of the Town's Website to include a link to the state's information on the vaccine release and the weekly press releases from the Governor. H. Hampson stated that there has been an increase in calls to the office regarding positive cases, masks compliance and vaccine information and informed everyone to check the website and call Nashoba Board of Health as they are handling all items on behalf of the Town.

The Board had a brief discussion on the case numbers and questioned if Devens counted towards the town case numbers and if so which parts of Devens.

P. Papineau will check with B. Braley on getting information on Devens and case numbers as well as how to get more information to the Board and the public.

Nashoba Report

H. Hampson stated that there are no new items from Nashoba.

Administrative Matters

December 14, 2020

At 6:50 PM S. Slarsky made a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020 as presented. P. Peters seconded. No discussion. Vote to approve (3-0-0)

Permits


H. Hampson stated that the department has received all, but one trash hauler permits back, and all tobacco permits have been issued.

Action Items for December 14, 2020

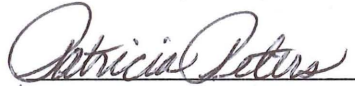
P. Papineau stated that the continued Public Hearing for Casa Manor will be on the agenda for the next meeting and should take up most of the time. B. Braley will also be present to give an update on COVID-19.

Adjourn:

S. Slarsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 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*