



Town of Ayer

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Hall – 1 Main Street – Ayer, MA 01432 – 978-772-882 ext. 145

Minutes of March 13, 2023 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: 1st Floor Meeting room, Ayer Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC.

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Members Present: Stephen Slarsky – Chair; Patricia Peters; Pamela Papineau

Also Present: Bridgette Braley, Health Agent; Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator

Stephen Slarsky called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Motion was made by P. Papineau to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, Sec. 21A Exemption #3. Seconded by P. Peters.

Motion Passed (3-0)

The Board enter executive session at 5:34pm.

Open session reconvened at 5:50pm.

Public Input:

There was no one present for public input.

Old Business:

Jenna Montgomery from the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, and Cyndi Lavin, joined the meeting to discuss the Harm Reduction Program.

S. Slarsky noted that there is no definitive location for this program and continued to suggest Nashoba Valley Medical Center as a possible location.

J. Montgomery stated that her contact at the hospital has left.

S. Slarsky knows the former CEO and may be able to get in contact with someone through them.

J. Montgomery asked if any other Stewart locations hosted such programs. She did have a concern about the location of the hospital, and wondered if that would hinder engagement. She also suggested the WIC parking lot.

C. Lavin noted that the WIC office in town is closed, but perhaps Aubuchon Hardware would allow their parking lot to be used, since it is attached to the WIC office.

S. Slarsky suggested Shop n' Save, since they have a large parking lot. He is however reluctant to ask private businesses to host this program.

P. Papineau asked that it not be hosted near place children frequently visit.

S. Slarsky asked where other towns host this program.

C. Lavin explained that most are hosted at churches.

S. Slarsky asked if it was possible to host on town property, noting the DPW has a large and discreet location.

B. Braley asked how often this program would be hosted.

J. Montgomery stated once or twice a month as needed.

S. Slarsky read a letter submitted by the owner of 17 Taft Street to the Board of Health in response to an invitation to attend the meeting to discuss their need for an Animal and Fowl Permit. The owner felt they had not been given enough notice to attend the meeting. They would also like to attend with their attorney present.

S. Slarsky asked that S. Benoit send another letter to the resident inviting them to one of several future Board of Health meetings. He asked that the minutes of the March 9, 2020, meeting be sent the Board members as they were referenced in the letter.

New Business:

There was no New Business to discuss.

Nashoba Update:

B. Braley present the Nashoba Update.

A second letter was sent to the owners of the Zodiac Apartments requesting information on the pool known to be on the property.

Two business were inspected recently. Once Upon a Cake and Fresh Ayer Nutrition.

Call Log:

No calls were made to the Board of Health since the last meeting.

Motion: P. Papineau made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 27, 2023 as amended.

Seconded: P. Peters

Motion Passes (3-0)

Administrative Matters:

The Board discussed the draft of the 2022 Town Report. Members made several minor suggestions and edit to the report.

The Board discussed future meeting dates. The next few meetings will be held on March 27th, April 10th, May 8th, and May 22nd.

Motion: P. Papineau made a motion to accept and pay the 4th Quarter bill from the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health for Nursing Services and Environmental Services in the amount of \$9,644.86.

Seconded: P. Peters

Motion Passes (3-0)

Motion: P. Papineau made a motion to accept and pay the bill for the legal ad posted in *The Lowell Sun* for the public hearing held on February 27, 2023 in the amount of \$459.67.

Seconded: P. Peters

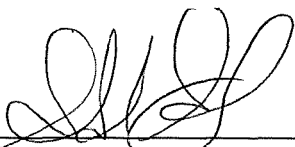
Motion Passes (3-0)

Motion: P. Papineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: P. Peters

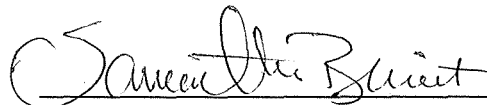
Motion Passes (3-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:36pm.



4/10/23

Stephen Slarsky, Chair



Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator