



Town of Ayer

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Hall – 1 Main Street – Ayer, MA 01432 – 978-772-8820 ext. 145

Minutes of May 22, 2023 - Ayer Board of Health Meeting

Location: 1st Floor Meeting room, Ayer Town Hall

Meeting was recorded and broadcast by APAC.

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

Also Present: Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator

Stephen Slarsky called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Public Input:

Several abutters of 17 Taft Street were present. They asked for an update on the status of the Keeping of Animal and Fowl Permit for that address and asked to be notified if that address was to be discussed at future meetings.

Old Business:

S. Benoit has received a call from Ruth Maxant-Schulz regarding the Keeping of Animal and Fowl Permit Application. R. Maxant Schulz was looking for clarification as to how accurate the plot plan had to be, and if one that had been previously submitted was still on file with the Board of Health office. S. Benoit noted that the old plot plan was not on file and recommended a new one be submitted.

S. Slarsky explained that Bridgette Braley, Health Agent, took samples from Sandy Pond to test for Cyanobacteria prior to the opening of the pond. Sandy Pond had an outbreak of Cyanobacteria in the fall.

P. Peters asked if this was the in-depth test to establish a baseline for the year.

S. Slarsky confirmed this was a more in-depth test and he had authorized B. Braley to conduct it on behalf of the Board of Health.

Motion: P. Peters made a motion to approve the expense of the testing of Sandy Pond Beach.

Seconded: S. Slarsky

Motion Passes (2-0)

The Harm Reduction Program was taken up at the last Ayer Library Board of Trustees' meeting. S. Slarsky noted that the library was not opposed to hosting the program but before full approval would need more information.

S. Slarsky received an email from Sydney Adams, a representative of an addiction recovery website, asking if the Board of Health would share the link on their webpage.

P. Papineau offered to investigate the website to see if it something the Board would recommend.

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Nashoba Update:

S. Slarsky presented on behalf of B. Braley who was not present at the meeting.

A bat was found in a house on Grove St. The Animal Control Officer was called, and the bat will be tested for rabies.

Food inspections for Osawa were presented to the Board.

Motion: P. Peters made a motion that the Ayer Board of Health cover the cost of the rabies testing in the amount of \$260.

Seconded: S. Slarsky

Motion Passes (2-0)

New Business:

S. Benoit had received a call from Tobacco Control advising that several businesses were in violation of the Tobacco Regulations as set forth by the Town and State. The Gulf Station on Park St. had received two violations each resulting in a seven-day suspension from selling tobacco products.

S. Slarsky discussed this with S. Benoit, and it was decided that since this was the second offense that two suspensions would be served back to back resulting in a total of fourteen days.

P. Peters clarified that there would be no tobacco sales at that location for fourteen days.

S. Slarsky noted that Tobacco Control would enforce this.

Discussion: Board Reorganization

S. Slarsky noted he was happy to continue as the Chair of the Board.

P. Peters was hesitant to act as Chair given her lack of experience.

P. Papineau is willing to act as Chair but would like the issue to be taken up again in the fall.

The Board agreed to discuss again in September.

Call Log:

There was no discussion.

Motion: P. Peters made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 8, 2023 as amended.

Seconded: S. Slarsky

Motion Passes (2-0)

Administrative Matters:

The Board received a letter from Mosquito Control stating that representatives will be in the area to address concerns of residents.

S. Benoit presented the permit applications for the Keeping of Animal and Fowl for the following addresses, 9 Victor Dr., 11 Harvard Rd, and 41 Mulberry Cir.

Motion: P. Peters made a motion to issue all Keeping of Animal and Fowl Permits as presented.

Seconded: S. Slarsky

Motion Passes (2-0)

Motion: P. Peters made a motion to enter **Executive Session pursuant to MGL c. 30A, Sec. 21A Exemption #3** to discuss litigation strategy with respect to the case of Mimi's Place, LLC v. Board of Health of the Town of

Ayer, et al., Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. 2181CV4967, if discussing the matter in open session will have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position

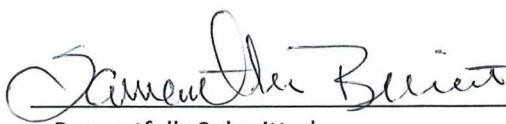
Seconded: S. Slarsky

Motion Passes (2-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23pm.

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Stephen Slarsky, *Chair*

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Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, *Administrative Coordinator*