



Town of Ayer

BOARD OF HEALTH

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



Minutes of June 12, 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: Bridgette Braley, Health Agent; Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator

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

Public Input:

There was no public input.

Old Business:

An inspection is to be scheduled to assess the property located at 17 Taft St. The inspection will involve the homeowner, Ruth Maxant-Schulz, her attorney, members of the Board of Health, Building Inspectors, B. Braley, and Julie Thomas, the Animal Control Officer. The inspection is to determine if a Keeping of Animal and Fowl Permit shall be issued for the property.

S. Slarsky gave an update on the Harm Reduction Program. He explained there have been several correspondences between himself and Jenna Montgomery of Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, regarding changes to the program. At this time is unclear as to what can and will be provided with this program, and S. Slarsky would like to end all discussion until there is greater clarification as to what will be provided.

P. Peters noted that at this time there is not vehicle, venue or staff to run the program.

Motion: P. Peters made a motion to put the Harm Reduction Program in hold and there will be no more conversation with the Town of Ayer until the original conditions of the agreement can be met.

Seconded: P. Papineau

Motion Passes (3-0)

S. Benoit reported that four businesses in Town have paid fines for Tobacco Sales Violations. There are still outstanding fines. S. Benoit will contact the Tobacco Control Alliance for next steps.

New Business

A noise complaint was made against Bake 'n Joy. It was explained with was a new complaint from and old complainant.

P. Papineau asked if this would fall under the Nuisance Bylaw.

B. Braley was going to go to the property and the Building Commissioner was as well to test the noise in the area.

S. Slarsky noted some issues with permitting and communication in regard to Gage Cannabis trying to host a food truck. While the Board of Health would like to have all permits available digitally as requested it is not possible at this time. The permitting system will stay as it is.

B. Braley also explained that although there may be an issue with sending and receiving emails on occasion there are other options to obtaining a Food Permit.

Nashoba Update:

B. Braley presented the update from the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

A regional meeting is scheduled for the near future.

The Next Stop Pub and Grill has closed.

Call Log:

There was no discussion.

Motion: P. Peters made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 22, 2023.

Seconded: P. Papineau

Motion Passes (3-0)

Administrative Matters:

The Board of Health needs to authorize the payment of the Animal Inspector for FY'23, before the close of the fiscal year.

Motion: P. Papineau made a motion to pay Julie Thomas, the Animal Inspector, in the amount of \$2,652.00 for services rendered during FY'23.

Seconded: P. Peters

Motion Passes (3-0)

S. Benoit presented the permit applications for the Keeping of Animal and Fowl for the following addresses, 17 Sandy Pond Rd., 30 Groton Harvard Rd., 7 Doug Rd., 6 Whitcombe Ave., 114 Pleasant St., 80 Central Ave., 47 Washington St., and 44 Pine Ridge Dt.

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

Seconded: P. Peters

Motion Passes (3-0)

The Board agreed the next meeting of the Board of Health shall be July 24, 2023 at 5:30pm at Ayer Town Hall.

Motion: P. Papineau 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: P. Peters

Motion Passes (3-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28pm.


Stephen Slarsky, Chair


Respectfully Submitted,
Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator