



Town of Ayer

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Town Hall – 1 Main Street – Ayer, MA 01432 – 978-772-8220 ext. 145

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**Monday, March 11, 2024**

### **Hybrid Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**This meeting was recorded by APAC.**

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

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

**Pamela Papineau called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.**

**Motion:** S. Slarsky made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A (Exemption #3) Potential Enforcement Litigation Strategy – 17 Taft St.

Seconded: P. Peters

Roll Call Vote: S. Slarsky, aye; P. Peters, aye; P. Papineau, aye.

**Motion Passes (3-0)**

The Board entered executive session at 5:01pm.

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:49pm.

The Board took a recess from 5:50pm to 5:57pm.

P. Peters read the hybrid agenda notice as follows. This meeting/hearing of the Board of Health will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation via Zoom is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in a specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly. This meeting will be live on Zoom. The public may access the proceedings by joining Zoom (Meeting ID# 880 9915 1478) or by calling (301-715-8592). For additional information about remote participation, please contact Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator at [sbenoit@ayer.ma.us](mailto:sbenoit@ayer.ma.us) or 978-772-8220 ext. 145 prior to the meeting.

#### **Public Hearing – Adoption of Hotel and Motel Regulations.**

P. Papineau opened the public hearing notice at 5:59pm as it appeared in the *Nashoba Valley Voice* on February 23, 2024, and March 1, 2024. The Board of Health is looking to adopt regulations in relation to Hotels and Motels.

Copies of the draft regulations were sent to the two known owners of Hotels/Motels in the Town of Ayer by certified mail prior to the meeting.

P. Papineau discussed changes to Section 9: Animals of the regulation. The changes would leave the allowance of pets to the Hotel owners' discretion, but a rabies certificate would be required to be kept on file.

B. Braley will create an inspection form to correlate with the proposed regulations.

**Motion:** S. Slarsky made a motion to adopt Hotel and Motel Regulation to be effective April 1, 2024.

Seconded: P. Peters

**Motion Passes (3-0)**

**Motion:** S. Slarsky made a motion to amend Section 6 for the Hotel and Motel Regulations to include that guests must vacate the premises for 72 hours before they can reoccupy a unit.

Seconded: P. Peters

**Motion Passes (3-0)**

Police Chief Brian Gill did raise some concerns about allowing pets to stay at the hotels/motels and asked that registrations also be kept on file. The concern is if the animals has been labeled a dangerous dog in their town of residence.

The appropriate language will be added by P. Papineau after the meeting.

**Motion:** P. Peters made a motion to close the public hearing

Seconded: S. Slarsky

Roll Call Vote: S. Slarsky, aye; P. Peters, aye; P. Papineau, aye.

**Motion Passes (3-0)**

**Public Input:**

There were no members of the public present for input.

**Old Business:**

The ongoing discussion of Keeping of Animal and Fowl Permits will be taken up at the next meeting.

**Discussion:**

The discussion of regulations will be taken up at the next meeting.

**Nashoba Update:**

B. Braley had not significant updates from Nashoba

**Call Log:**

No discussion on the call log.

**Administrative Matters:**

S. Benoit presented a letter from the Department of Agricultural Resources for the yearly nomination of Inspector of Animals.

**Motion:** S. Slarsky made a motion to nominate Julie Thomas to the position of Inspector of Animals as long as she is still interested.

Seconded: P. Peters

Roll Call Vote: S. Slarsky, aye; P. Peters, aye; P. Papineau, aye.

**Motion Passes (3-0)**

The Board discussed moving the meeting scheduled on March 25, 2024 to April 1, 2024.

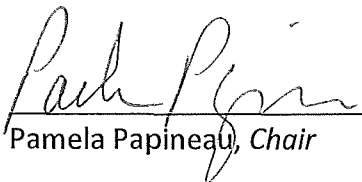
**Motion:** P. Peters made a motion to adjourn.

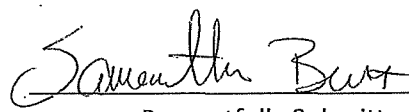
Seconded: S. Slarsky

Roll Call Vote: S. Slarsky, aye; P. Peters, aye; P. Papineau, aye.

**Motion Passes (3-0)**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:49pm.**

  
Pamela Papineau, Chair

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Samantha Benoit, Administrative Coordinator

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