

Members present: Margaret Kidder, Chair, Mary Spinner, Clerk, Marilyn McMillan, Member
Also present: Michelle Carlisle, Administrative Assistant

- Minutes approval – 1/11/10 and 1/25/10
 - **M. Spinner motioned to approve the minutes from 1/11/10 which includes the public hearing re: No Smoking regulation, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.**
 - **M. Spinner motioned to approve the minutes from 1/25/10, M. McMillan 2nd, A 2/0.**
- Vote on No Smoking Regulation –
 - **M. Spinner motioned to adopt the No Smoking Regulation as put forth during the public hearing on 1/11/10, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.**
- Dan Nason, DPW Superintendent – Transfer Station information
 - Using bags instead of bag tags. Easier to keep track of and more cost effective. Looking into additional options that he's not ready to discuss yet until he gathers more information. John Gamelin, Foreman Transfer Station, is helping with this effort.
 - M. Spinner – does the gathering of this additional information affect the bags vs. bag tags issue? D. Nason – no.
 - M. Spinner – doesn't want to order more tags if we're going to bags.
 - D. Nason – looking into a buy-back program for those residents who already purchased tags.
 - D. Nason stated that John Gamelin has been doing an excellent at the transfer station and has been saving money. John also put together a hazardous waste, list of items that are not allowed at the transfer station.
 - M. McMillan – any information re: proper disposal of medicines?
 - D. Nason – believes that incinerating unused medicines would be better than flushing down a toilet.
 - M. McMillan will look into what may be available for proper disposal of medicines.
 - M. Kidder – how do people know what they can and can't dispose of at the transfer station? D. Nason – just monitoring by transfer station employees.
 - M. Kidder – would like some kind of education for residents.
 - M. Spinner asked M. McMillan to also check into a new program re: sharps disposal at the same time as she is checking for proper disposal of medicines. M. McMillan – yes.
 - M. Spinner asked D. Nason when the BOH would have the information on using bags. We must post any new procedures 45 days in advance.
 - M. Carlisle to add this item to the next agenda.
- Hazardous Waste Site –
 - M. Kidder stated that the issue at hand is that the town does not have the money for this endeavor.
 - M. Spinner stated that Ayer would have to take some responsibility for manning the site because all member towns would rotate.
 - Dona Neely stated that the only responsibility Ayer would have to take is organizing meetings on rotation basis with other member towns.
 - M. Kidder asked how many towns are currently members. D. Neely stated six (6), waiting on a few more towns.
 - D. Nason asked what are the options for Ayer if we didn't join?
 - Tessa David stated that there is a facility in Lexington, MA and in Braintree, MA.

- M. McMillan asked what type of hazardous waste is most common? T. David – paint, pesticides and household cleaners.
- M. McMillan – all towns go to one site? T. David – yes, the site is at Devens and residents of member towns will make appointments.
- M. McMillan – any grant money available for the one-time capital cost? T. David – still actively looking. Some towns are using the septic 0% loan money from the state. Dona Neely – anticipating a grant from MASS DEP to help – it would match the amount given by member towns. Ayer could see a return on their investment within 3 years.
- D. Nason asked what will happen if the BOH votes this down and can we portion out the payment?
- M. Spinner asked if a lot of Ayer's small businesses use this service. T. David – some, not many.
- D. Neely – can't portion out the one-time payment. If Ayer didn't join, they would have to hold their own hazardous waste day.
- Discussion on how to pay for the one-time capital cost of almost \$11,500. There is no money in the FY10 budget, which is already set and none in the upcoming FY11 budget. At a minimum, it would have to wait until FY11. Dan Nason and Shaun Suhoski, Ayer Town Administrator, discussed the possibility of saving money on new contracts and using that savings to help pay the one-time cost.
- M. McMillan believes this is a great idea for Ayer and it would help protect the environment. She would like to leave the door open to this.
- D. Nason stated that we don't have the money or the manpower to do it ourselves.
- S. Suhoski asked if we did have the money, would this be the program we would want?
- M. McMillan – what about donations? Could we set up a fund?
- S. Suhoski – we have a \$28 million budget and it would be hard to ask for \$11,500 in donations.
- M. Kidder asked Dan Nason if he could try to negotiate with potential vendors to buy us into this program.
- M. Kidder stated that Nashoba Associated Boards of Health have grant money from the closure of the old hospital. We might be able to apply for money from this grant. M. Kidder will ask Jim Garreffi, Director NABH, about it.
- M. McMillan asked M. Spinner how she felt about the program itself if we did have the money to join. M. Spinner stated she had no opinion at this time.
- Transfer Station miscellaneous –
 - BOH signed bulk item list and policy and procedures for FY11.
- Bills – H1N1 Clinic bill from NABH for \$1,609.16 – to come from state H1N1 fund.
- Mail reviewed.
 - Anonymous complaint re: smoking at the Rod and Gun Club. BOH stated it's a private club and we have no jurisdiction.
 - 27 Harvard Road – report from Lessard Environmental sent to DEP.
- M. Spinner stated that the property owners of 20 Fletcher street were having a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals on 2/9/10 re: adding an addition to their home. Zoning did not forward the plans to BOH for review which means the owners will have to wait until 2/22/10.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review
 - Routine inspections.
- **M. McMillan motion to adjourn, M. Spinner 2nd A2/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Mary Spinner - 2/22/10
Maryanne M. Kidder 2/22/10