

Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2011

15-02-11 12:45 RCVD

LF Call to order 5:03 p.m.

Members present: Mary Spinner, Chair; Marilyn McMillan, Member
Members absent: Margaret Kidder, Clerk
Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant

- Transfer Station Budget/Fees – Town Accountant Lisa Gabree and Foreman Andrew Jackson were present.
 - L. Gabree distributed an 8-page handout and reviewed with the Board the projected revenue and expenses for the coming year.
 - Revenues are not enough to cover expenses, so at this time there continues to be a General Fund subsidy.
 - The bulk of the existing debt is related to the prior landfill capping.
 - Various options for increasing fees were analyzed and considered.
 - Currently we are using an estimate of 327 recycle stickers, issued at a cost of \$0. It is not known how many recycle stickers have actually been issued.
 - **M. McMillan motioned to raise the regular sticker to \$70.00, Senior sticker to \$40.00, and second sticker to \$15.00 and to do away with the recycling sticker, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
 - **M. McMillan motioned to institute a \$10.00/day pass for unusual use of the Transfer Station, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
 - M. Spinner noted that bulk items prices were reviewed with surrounding towns and Ayer is comparable.
- 3 Mechanic Street code violations – Jim Januskiewicz (owner) was present and distributed a summary of his contact with the tenants.
 - Tenants evicted on December 1, 2010, after which they contacted BOH for inspection.
 - B. Braley issued her report on December 8.
 - Owner advised BOH that tenants will not let him in to do repairs and requested extension of time to make repairs.
 - BOH reviewed the list of violations with the owner.
 - **M. McMillan motioned to grant an extension to April 30, 2011, for completion of work included in violation list dated December 8, 2010, except for the cement stairs, which are to be repaired immediately, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
 - The tenants will be invited to come in to speak with the Board if they have questions.
- The January 10, 2011, minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review:
 - B. Braley's mail folder from 1/24/11 was reviewed.
 - R. Terry noted that the "mobil food" question on the October report was an error and should have read housing.
- Bills approval – None.
- Mail was reviewed.
- Misc:
 - Tobacco question –
 - There is a question whether clerks under 18 years of age can sell tobacco products. The Tobacco Control Alliance stated that they can.
 - We have the option of adding a clerk age restriction to our local youth access regulations.

- R. Terry to find out about wording for youth access regs and the necessity of a public hearing.
- Old Business:
 - The draft Town Report was reviewed and approved.
 - The Assistant job description will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **M. McMillan motioned to adjourn, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Mary Spinner - 2/14/11
Marilyn McMillan