TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm.

Members present included: *Chair Mary Spinner*, *Member* Pamela Papineau, *Clerk* Patricia Peters and *Administrative Assistant* Jane Morriss.



PUBLIC INPUT: None.

CONCEPTUAL PLAN: 41 E. MAIN STREET: Mark Saydah of Harvard Investment Properties came before the Board to discuss a project at 41 E. Main Street to build two two-unit townhouses and to modify an existing apartment house known as "The Old Taft Property." Although he described the project to the Board as an ANR (Approval Not Required), its proximity to an aquifer requires a special permit under the Board's Aquifer Protection District Regulation. Mr. Saydah first approached the Planning Board in 2009 with a similar project. He said he has no plans to begin construction within the foreseeable future. Before the Board will schedule a Public Hearing, it asked Mr. Saydah to provide a specific calculation describing how much permeable surface area will be left if the project is built.

NABOH MATERIAL REVIEW (B. Braley): A request by a resident living at 5 Mechanic Street Extension to remove a beaver dam has been received and the resident has been given the specified criteria required by the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and wildlife. The resident has also been advised that they will need to go before the Conservation Commission to obtain the necessary permits. Title 5 Inspection Reports for117 Littleton Road (passed) and 4 Vernon Street (failed) led the Board to ask J. Morriss to inquire why the properties are not hooked up to town sewer. B. Braley is following up on a complaint received from a resident at 61-63 West Main Street regarding trash in the yard of 65 West Main Street.

<u>REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2</u>: P. Papineau motioned to accept the minutes of the May 2 meeting and P. Peters seconded; the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes: **3/0 A**

<u>E-CIGARETTES (BRIEF UPDATE)</u>: P. Papineau said the FDA has finally decided to regulate e-cigarettes, but their regulations will take 10 years to phase in. Meanwhile there are reports of children, attracted to the sweet smell and taste of vaping fluid, are drinking it. The BOH is watching the progress of proposed legislation on Beacon Hill addressing new tobacco products and the conversation around changing the legal smoking age. Once the State acts, the Board may want to update its tobacco regulations accordingly.

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</u>: M. Spinner urged people to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of medications properly. She reminded viewers not to flush their old medications. Medications can be disposed of at the police station at any time, and NABOH takes sharps. J. Morriss was asked to give the Board a status report regarding animal permits and trash haulers at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: P. Papineau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm with P. Peters 2nd. A 3/0

Mary Spinner Chair

6/13/16

Pamela Papineau, Member

Patricia Peters, Clerk 6/13/16