

Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2012

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Call to order 5:00 p.m.

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

- **M. McMillan motioned to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
- The Animal Inspector job was posted; no applications received yet.
- No material was received this week from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.
 - Lazy Mary's at 30 Littleton Road has met BOH requirements.
- The Board reviewed fees in surrounding towns and then approved and signed the Policy & Procedure for Transfer Station Fees for FY13 and the Bulk Item Fees list for FY13.
- Bills – None.
- 61 Groton School Road - A potential buyer has requested the Board's opinion on proposed plans for use of this property.
 - Buyer owns a flock of 40 sheep and an alpaca; she may get chickens and a cow.
 - The property has Town water and sewer and a 6-stall horse barn.
 - The barn may not be 100 feet from the property line, as required by current animal health regulations. We are researching whether the property would be grandfathered, noting there has been an interrupted use of animals on the property.
 - The Board would like to review the exact distance between the barn and property line and the property's previous use (last time animals were on the property, what kind, and how many).
 - The Board agreed that it does not have enough information at this time to answer its concerns in order to approve a permit. Approval in this instance would take time, may require abutter notification, and would involve limitations.
- The Board discussed the current proposed amendment to the Transportation Bill that would weaken the Clean Air Act. It was agreed that the Board would contact appropriate parties as a group and individually.
- A comment was received on the Town Facebook account re issues with Ayer trash bags. This will be referred to DPW.
- The Board reviewed the letter forwarded from the Town Administrator re ethanol trains. Estimated start for these trains to run is in 2013, with 30,000 gallons passing through Town two times per week.
- The "pooper scooper" bylaw is located in the Town Bylaws Article XXXII, Section 3, Paragraph 4. No fees are listed there, but we will check further.
- M. Kidder received another complaint re the condition of a property on West Main Street. B. Braley sent a letter in December 2011, but we have had no update since then.
- M. Kidder noted that NABH reports housing complaints are up.
- **M. Kidder motioned to adjourn, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mary Spinner - 3/26/12
Margaret Kidder 3/26/12