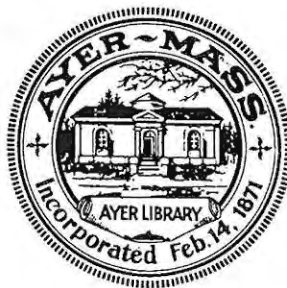


**TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of November 5, 2018**

Chair P. Peters called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm in the downstairs meeting room, Ayer Town Hall. Members present included: *Chair* Patricia Peters, *Vice Chair* Pamela Papineau, and *Clerk* Mary Spinner. *Administrative Assistant* Jane Morriss was also present. The meeting was recorded by APAC.



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PUBLIC INPUT: None.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: M. Spinner made a motion to accept the minutes of October 15, 2018, and P. Peters 2nd. The Board voted to accept the minutes as submitted. **3/0 A.**

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 18, 2018, RAB MEETING (P. PETERS): P. Peters was not able to attend this meeting.

CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO BOH CHANGING RESPONSIBILITIES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO AQUIFER PROTECTION (ON-GOING DISCUSSION CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 15, 2018, MEETING) (P. PAPINEAU): P. Papineau spoke at length with Health Agent B. Braley about how to make certain the town's aquifers are adequately protected if the BOH's role does not have the support of the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manager. B. Braley is going to speak with the people at Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection about this situation and will report back to us with her findings.

CONTINUING REVIEW OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL (CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2018, MEETING (P. PAPINEAU): Following his review of our current Regulations Governing the Keeping of Animals and Fowl, Michael Cahill, Director of Animal Health for the State Department of Agriculture, recommended that the Board get rid of the farm exclusion. He also pointed out that the BOH derives its power from Massachusetts General Law which charges the local boards of health with overseeing the health and welfare of humans, rather than the welfare of animals, so he also suggested removing mentions of "animal welfare" from the documents, as that is not part of the BOH purview. He also recommended that the BOH have Town Council review our new regulations before we vote to adopt them. In this light, the Board acknowledged that the Animal Inspector, in fact, works for the State Department of Agriculture, and not for the Board of Health. During the discussion, the BOH decided to table further action to update these regulations until after the Holidays.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. BRALEY): NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: CORRESPONDENCE: B. Braley wrote an e-mail informing the Board that she has heard back from her contact at the Mass. DEP regarding the Board's role in aquifer protection. She said they gave her some good suggestions and she will be talking to P. Papineau later this week about what they said. The Board also received a notification from Conoco Engineers and Scientists regarding a Public Involvement Notification-Release Notification and Permanent Solution with No Conditions Statement regarding the Non-PCB Mineral Oil Dielectric Fluid Release at Sandy Pond HVDC Converter Terminal, 55 Raddison Road, in Ayer.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 19 MEETING: Follow-up with B. Braley about new food code. Continue discussion of Animal Regulations.

ADJOURN: M. Spinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm, and P. Papineau 2nd. **A-3/0**

Patricia Peters
Patricia Peters, Chair

Pamela Papineau
Pamela Papineau, Vice Chair

Mary Spinner
Mary Spinner, Clerk

Jane Morriss
Respectfully Submitted by
Jane Morriss, Admin. Asst.