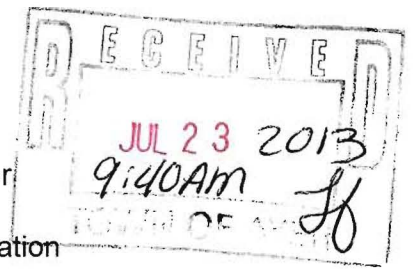


Ayer Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2013 - Ayer Town Hall - Call to order 5:30 p.m.

Members present: H. Hasz, Chair; M. Spinner Clerk; P. Papineau, Member  
Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant  
Documents: Agenda, Mail Update, RAB Meeting of 6/20/13 slide presentation



- **M. Spinner motioned to approve the minutes of June 10, 2013, P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
- The Board signed the revised minutes of May 20, 2013.
- New animal permits –
  - 72 Snake Hill Road – The Board reviewed the revised plan and information on the coop. This went before Conservation, who required a berm be built. B. Braley has no issue with the new proposed coop location. The Board discussed that this coop “tavern” is sized for 3-5 large chickens and the applicant is requesting 10 chickens.  
**M. Spinner motioned to approve the fowl permit for 72 Snake Hill Road for 10 chickens, P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
  - 20 Shirley Street – Revised coop dimensions were received.  
**M. Spinner motioned to approve the fowl permit for 20 Shirley Street contingent on final approval by B. Braley, P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
  - 29 High Street – The owner responded by submitting all parts of the application except the plan. B. Braley will review the application when the plan is received.
- Gustainis Body Art Practitioner application – The Board reviewed the application. B. Braley recommends approval.
  - For body art, permits are required for the establishment and for the practitioner.
  - The applicant’s training is in Biology instead of Anatomy & Physiology. B. Braley believes with his other training and experience, the training requirement has been met. The Board questioned whether Intro to Biology I within a Fine Arts Program is equivalent to A&P. We will ask the applicant to provide a course description for Intro to Biology I and to expand upon his education and certificates at the next BOH meeting.
  - The Board discussed the issue of an apprentice practicing without a permit under the tutelage of a permitted practitioner and whether the practitioner notified B. Braley that this apprenticeship was occurring. R. Terry to find the date and report for the last inspection.
  - **M. Spinner motioned to continue this review until July 22 and to require applicant Gustainis and permit holder Dyson to be present on July 22 to answer questions, P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review:
  - Reviewed food permits, food inspections, pool inspection, housing violations.
  - A pool on Shirley Street has been stagnant for over a year. The piping was clogged but has been fixed. The pool will take awhile to correct.
  - 100 East Main Street – B. Braley has not heard from the tenant, who may be moving. The state will not be notifying her re the lead issue.
  - The Board discussed the Nashoba Valley Townhouse Condo pool inspection and when a lifeguard is required to be present.
  - 60 Central Avenue – This is a multi-apartment building. After the Fire Chief answered an ambulance call recently, he notified BOH of issues. B. Braley had inspected earlier this year per tenant request and contacted Building Inspector at that time, but has not been called for reinspection. There are building code issues. We will look into how this property is listed in the Assessors records and how the Building Inspector has followed up.
- Shepley’s Hill update – P. Papineau updated the Board.
  - She drafted comments for the Draft Final ESD Landfill, which were submitted today.
  - She attended the June 20 RAB meeting and provided a slide presentation for the BOH file.

- There are two different areas of work at Plow Shop Pond: a smaller area (the railroad, roundhouse, which will be easier to resolve) and a larger area.
- A timeline was provided at the meeting. Shortly pumps will be installed. The pond level will be lowered from 30 to 21 acres, and they will limit the rate of drawdown. Re the condition of the dam, the buttressing is not in good condition, but it should not be unduly stressed. Signs and snow fencing will be put up to keep people out of the area.
- There will be daily removal of the dewatered "sludge". The water will be treated separately. The "sludge" will be stabilized, then used as one of the cover layers for the landfill; it will have an "acceptable" level of contaminants. This process will take weeks.
- Re fish, oxygenated water will continue to flow from Grove Pond. They are expecting some fishkill. They will also be doing an inventory of plants and organisms found and if they are endangered. PACE and EPA were more concerned about invasives. It is believed the soil conditions that will remain in the larger area will inhibit invasive growth, but they will continue monitor. In the end, the area must be returned to its original state.
- The timeline depends on rainfall; they need dry weather. August into September is drier.
- They will do soil sampling in these locations and will know when to stop dredging by reviewing the daily analyses. There was concern re how they are going to treat this data. They will also be monitoring for dissolved oxygen in the water.
- There is also a plan to address truck in/egress. Trucks will not drive over Shepley's Hill, but mainly on the causeway that separates Grove and Plowshop Ponds.
- The Next RAB meeting will be in Ayer in three months. A site tour is also scheduled the second week of August, to which Town boards will be invited.
- Bills –
  - All approved and signed one receipt from Staples for \$27.15.
  - All approved and signed three bills from Staples for \$71.16, \$295.89, and \$93.78.
  - All approved and signed one credit from Staples for \$83.78.
  - All approved and signed bill from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health for \$5,901.63 for the quarterly bill.
- Medical marijuana dispensary – The Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to draft a letter to MDPH in support of John Hillier's application for a dispensary. It was a 3 to 2 vote by the Selectmen. Selectmen Connelly and Hillman said no, although Hillman agreed that he does not know that much about it. M. Spinner asked BOH to draft a letter of support; the Board agreed that J. Hillier is a good businessman and has met all the criteria. The Board agreed to write a letter of support; H. Hasz to draft.
- Mail –
  - MassDEP approved replacement of the old Spectacle Pond Well with <sup>two</sup>~~three~~ shallow wells.
  - Ayer Park and Recreation has a program in place to follow Christian's Law, which deals with water safety activities.
  - The Ayer Recycling Committee newsletter has information on the MassDEP Solid Waste Master Plan.
- Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife on Route 2A in Ayer has requested a waiver for Bulk Item disposal at the Transfer Station. They have couches and sofas found on F&W properties outside of Ayer. The Board agreed not to grant a waiver and suggested they contact a hauler.
- Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA) – H. Hasz attended the June 9 CHNA meeting. They welcomed Ayer BOH. The presentation was on how to engage your community. Minigrants (\$200-\$2,000) are available that focus on healthy communities; she is looking into the grant that is open until August 9. H. Hasz is considering collaborative efforts, such as Read and Run with schools. Grants are done a few times a year and can provide seed money to start an effort. P. Papineau has been trying to set up a health fields career day with the

hospital and the high school; it was suggested she also contact Emerson. M. Spinner described a successful COA event. Suggestions included collaborative efforts with COA, hospitals, and schools and an event that focuses on navigating home care.

- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, P. Papineau 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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