

Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2013

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2:40pm JH

Call to order 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Mary Spinner, Chair; Pamela Papineau, Member

Members absent: Heather Hasz, Member

Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant

Documents: Agenda, Mail Update, Barn Inspection chart, Transfer Station comparison charts

- **P. Papineau motioned to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
- H. Hasz is out sick tonight. She is planning to meet with Carol Horgan, the Nashoba Nursing Community Health Nurse, re the Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA).
- No material was received this week from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.
 - The final inspection for Marco's on Main will be done shortly.
- Budget / Barn Inspector position –
 - M. Spinner explained the positions of Animal Control Officer, which is under the Police Dept., and the Barn Inspector, which is under BOH. BOH nominates the Barn Inspector annually to MDAR. This position goes from May to April. In the past, these positions were held by the same person, who did not provide BOH with information on his inspections.
 - In 2012, BOH hired Carlene Purdy as Barn Inspector. Carlene provided an excellent chart to report on her 2012 barn inspections. This chart was distributed.
 - Barns are inspected annually by January 1. There are two barns in Ayer that get inspected. This year we found out that chicken coops must also be inspected. There are currently 9 chicken permits in Ayer, so the number of inspections increased this year from 2 to 11.
 - M. Spinner provided information to the Finance Committee on this year's barn inspections and the increased workload to assist them in their decision re this year's stipend.
- The Wright Road fowl permit was reviewed. The owner has had chickens for several years. He allows them to roam, but there have been no complaints in the past or currently with abutters.
P. Papineau motioned to approve the fowl permit for David Rockwood at 18 Wright Road, M. Spinner 2nd, A/2.
- P. Papineau was asked about the keeping of micro pigs in Ayer. R. Terry will contact MDAR to see if micro pigs are considered pets or livestock.
- Properties update –
 - The state is working with Littleton Lyne Apts, since their septic handles over 10,000 gallons.
 - The Mechanic Street situation is ongoing. B. Braley has been working with them. There is now electricity, and the upstairs tenant is using space heaters.
 - Issues with the fence at 63 Main Street are being handled by the Building Inspector and DPW.
- No bills.
- The BOH letter was sent out supporting the plumbing variance for Nashoba Valley Medical Center (NVMC). A nice thank you was received from the architect.
- We are waiting to hear regarding technical assistance with Shepley's Hill Landfill.
- The 2012 BOH Town Report has been drafted. It will include information about Shepley's Hill.
- The Town Accountant will meet with the Board at its next meeting to discuss Transfer Station fees. Fees have not been raised for two years. Charts comparing Transfer Station fees and Bulk Item fees were distributed.
- P. Papineau reported that she is in contact with the NVMC person in charge of education. She will also contact the Principal's office.
- **P. Papineau motioned to adjourn, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Papineau 2/25/13
Mary Spinner 2/25/13
RTH 2/25/13