

TOWN OF AYER BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2015

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Members present included: *Chair* Heather Hasz, *Clerk* Mary Spinner, *Member* Pamela Papineau, and *Administrative Assistant* Jane Morriss

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Update on NABOH Executive Board Meeting of October 1—M. Spinner: Following a rash of staff attrition, Nashoba didn't take on any new clients for a while. However, that is changing: the board has hired a new administrator and a certified Hospice nurse, so now it is accepting new clients. For guidance with pension issues, Nashoba hired a lobbyist from Bartholomew's, and even though there continues to be a lack of clarity about how much money needs to be set aside to fund the pension plan, the Board feels like it is getting on top of the issue. The town of Stow is half-way through its trial period, and it is not yet known if the association is going to work or not. But even if it doesn't, Director James Garreffo told the Board it would continue to provide service for two months beyond the six-month trial to give the town (Stow) a chance to seek out alternatives. The Board will meet again in January.

NABOH MATERIAL (B. Braley): Letters were sent following up on housing complaints at 119 Littleton Road, and 7 Church Street. Definitive plans for Northern Way, a subdivision planned for 67 /67A Groton School Road, were reviewed and "approved" as was a request for permission for a Class II motor vehicle dealership license for a business at 179 West Main Street. 48 Washington Street is bank owned and trash should be removed within a week. Chairman H. Hasz reported speaking with the Health Agent about confusion arising from her practice of checking "approved" even when the BOH has no jurisdictional interest in the plans: the matter remains unresolved.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM September 28: Clerk M. Spinner moved to approve the September 28 minutes, and Member P. Papineau 2nd. **A3/0**

Public Input: Chris Valentine of 141 Snake Hill Road came before the Board looking for further direction regarding his request for permission to delay tying into the public sewer system until the end of the construction of a substantial addition to his house. The Board asked him to e-mail a written sequencing of the various building stages—along with the answer to how long a plumbing permit remains in effect. The Board said it wanted to be very careful not to set a president, and warned him that his septic may get crushed during construction. He said he would be notifying the Board with a request to be put back on the agenda—either for October 19th or the November 9th meeting—once he has a written plan of how his project will proceed.

ADMINISTRATIVE. Action items: P. Papineau agreed to speak with DPW Superintendent M. Wetzel about the biannual trash reporting procedures outlined in our Trash Hauler Regulations. J. Morriss will follow up on chicken issues at 236 Snake Hill Road. She will also refine the Trash Hauler Permit design and present it at the next Board meeting. ● **Future Agenda Items:** P. Papineau will provide a RAB meeting update. H. Hasz will report on her meeting with Jamie Terry, the new Region 2 Public Health Emergency Planner who is taking over for Ken Gikas. The Board will review the status of the Trash Hauler Applications.

ADJOURN: M. Spinner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. with a 2nd from P. Papineau. **A 3/0**

Heather Hasz, *Chair*

Mary Spinner, *Clerk*

Pamela Papineau, *Member*

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