

# BOARD OF HEALTH

TOWN HALL – 1 MAIN STREET – AYER, MASSACHUSETTS 01432 – (978) 772-8213



## Meeting Minutes June 23, 2014

Members Present: Pamela Papineau, *Chair*; Mary Spinner, *Clerk*; Heather Hasz, *Member*

Others Present: Bridgette Braley, *Health Agent*; Debra Butcher, *Administrative Assistant*

Meeting Called to Order: P. Papineau called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes: M. Spinner motioned to accept the minutes of June 9, 2014; H. Hasz 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*VOTE: 3-0 in favor.*

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Mail Review: The Board reviewed the mail packet consisting of food permits; inspection reports and an animal bite notification from Nashoba Valley Medical Center.

### Fowl/Animal Permits – Approval/Signatures:

1. 121 Oak Ridge Drive – Ms. Butcher reported that the Conservation Commission approved their application to add (2) goats at their June 12, 2014 meeting. H. Hasz motioned to approve the modification for an animal permit for (15) chickens and (2) goats, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup>. *VOTE: 3-0 in favor.*
2. 8 Jackson Street – H. Hasz motioned to approve a new application for up to (4) chickens, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup>. *VOTE: 3-0 in favor.*
3. 19 Grove Street – M. Spinner stated that she drove by this property and reported that it was in the Zone II Aquifer Protection for Grove Pond and that the house is a two family and the applicant was not the property owner. H. Hasz motioned to continue this to the next meeting in order to obtain written confirmation from the property owner allowing chickens on the property and to notify the tenants on the other side of the house, M. Spinner 2<sup>nd</sup>. *VOTE: 3-0 in favor.*

Septic Permit – Culver Road, Lot Y: B. Braley presented a septic plan for new construction for the Board's approval. She stated that the house is located in the Town of Groton; however, the land that the subsurface sewage disposal system is on is actually located in Ayer. M. Spinner stated that the address should not say Groton. B. Braley responded and said that the house has frontage in Groton with an actual address in Groton. H. Hasz questioned whether there were any local or State variances needed. B. Braley stated "no". H. Hasz questioned where groundwater was and stated that she was pleased that there was good grading on the site. She stated that the system must be placed where soils are the most suitable. B. Braley stated groundwater was at 50". Hearing no objections, the Board signed the onsite sewage disposal system for Culver Road; Lot Y. B. Braley reported that Groton is allowing them to connect into their municipal water supply. H. Hasz wanted to be clear for the record that the Board was approving the location in Ayer only for a house that fronts in Groton.

Animal Inspector Follow Up Discussion: P. Papineau requested that this be placed on the agenda as follow up to the Board's discussion at their June 9, 2014 meeting. She stated that she recently spoke with the Police Chief to understand the duties of the Animal Inspector and what was necessary in handling animal complaints and its follow through. She said the Board needed to support and assist Barn Inspector Carlene Purdy who will be absorbing extra duties in lieu of Robert Friedrich's resignation. M. Spinner stated that Mr. Friedrich's budget was approximately \$10-\$11K per year. The Board requested information on how many inspections were conducted during the fiscal year and how was the cost taken out of his Animal Control Officer budget.

Discussion followed regarding supplemental compensation needed in the FY15 budget to handle the additional responsibilities by Ms. Purdy. P. Papineau requested that Ms. Butcher contact Mr. Cahill at the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture to inquire whether he was aware of any State training available for Ms. Purdy. P. Papineau stated that she will follow up with the Police Chief and Town Administrator Robert Pontbriand to inquire about additional funding and the possibility of partnering with the Police and a local veterinarian. The Board will await the information for a complete discussion.

Tobacco Permit – Ayer Convenience: The Board signed the 2014 tobacco permit. Ms. Butcher stated that the owner has their Retailer License for Sale from the State and submitted a copy for the file.

Mail Review: Ms. Butcher stated that there was additional mail from Kopelman & Paige concerning the Town of Ayer vs. Hugh Ernise that was received in today's mail.

Administrative Assistant Update: Ms. Butcher had no update to report.

Miscellaneous:

Farm Definition: P. Papineau read the definition of a farm as defined in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 128: Agriculture, Section 1A.

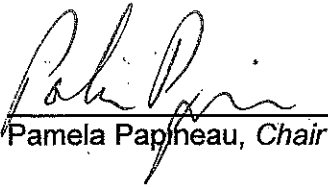
Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Quarterly Meeting: M. Spinner provided a summary of the meeting held last week. She stated that there was discussion concerning e-cigarettes and how the tobacco industry is enticing young people to use e-cigarettes.

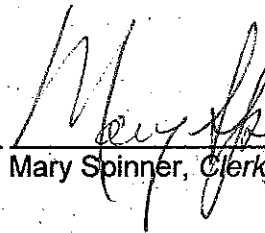
Wendy's: B. Braley had no update on Wendy's.

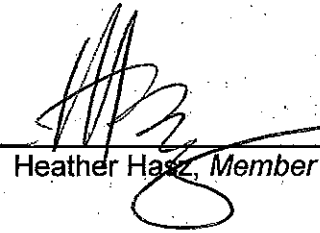
Aquifer Protection District Checklist: No discussion or action took place.

Adjourn: M. Spinner motioned to adjourn at 6:41 pm, H. Hasz 2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: 3-0 in favor.

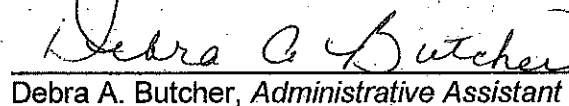
AYER BOARD OF HEALTH

  
Pamela Papineau, Chair

  
Mary Spinner, Clerk

  
Heather Hasz, Member

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Debra A. Butcher, Administrative Assistant