

Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2012 - Ayer Town Hall - Call to order 5:30 p.m.

JAN 15, 2013
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Members present: Mary Spinner, Chair; Heather Hasz, Member; Pamela Papineau, Member
Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant
Documents: Agenda, Mail Update; Abandoned properties packet

- New members H. Hasz and P. Papineau were introduced. After this meeting, BOH meetings will resume the 2nd and 4th Mondays starting in January. Meetings now start at 5:30 p.m.
- **H. Hasz motioned to accept the minutes of November 26, 2012, P. Papineau 2nd, A 3/0.**
- No material was received this week from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.
 - Two current restaurants are changing hands. Information has been submitted to NABH. They have the proper licenses and are going to get Common Vic licenses from BOS.
 - The owner of Lucia's must submit a plan and get a separate permit for his second restaurant on Main Street.
- Shepley's Hill Landfill – M. Spinner updated the Board on discussions after Nov. 26:
 - Laurie Nehring of PACE briefed the Selectmen at their meeting. PACE is asking for monitoring wells beyond the current area.
 - The Town Administrator then met with PACE and their consultant, along with M. Spinner.
 - RAB had a meeting on Devens on Thursday. To save money, the Army wants to shut down the arsenic treatment plant, which provides remediation and processes 350 pounds/year.
 - The ESD comment period, scheduled to end Dec. 14, has been pushed to Feb. 15. The Selectmen and BOH plan to submit comments, perhaps also residents and businesses.
 - The Town Administrator plans to hold a public hearing in Ayer Town Hall in late January.
 - There are two areas of focus – around the treatment plant and around the remediation area by Red Cove and Plow Shop Pond. There was a question on how many homes are involved on West Main Street.
 - Many apartments in the area have out-of-town owners. We need to identify the owners in the area so they can be made aware of the public hearing.
 - The question was raised why the treatment plant shutdown was not included in the ESD.
 - The Ayer library has files on Devens, the closure, and remediation that can be reviewed. Shepley's Hill landfill contamination was found after the Devens closure.
- Properties update –
 - The West Main Street property is being handled by others in Town now, not BOH.
 - BOH had invited the owner of Washington and Williams Streets in for discussion, but that BOH meeting was cancelled. We are now waiting to hear from the Building Inspector.
 - The property near Sandy Pond is a zoning issue.
- Budget –
 - M. Spinner submitted the BOH budget. She will provide a copy to other BOH members. The budget consists of mostly salary and expenses.
 - BOH sets Transfer Station rates. We will review this budget with DPW and the Town Accountant in January. We compare this with four other transfer stations in the area, and every few years we also compare Bulk Item fees.
 - On the state level, revenue projections are down and could impact the budget for next year.
 - There is nothing new re the cost benefit between Transfer Station and curbside pickup.
- BOH regulations review –
 - These have been reviewed by the new BOH members.

- Medical marijuana – Some cities and town are zoning these out. This issue was briefly mentioned at the last Selectmen’s meeting, and Town Counsel has written a letter explaining the new law. More to come.
- Vacant buildings and abandoned properties – A packet of background material (agendas, minutes, and the Town of Webster regulation) was distributed for review. This will be handled after the Shepley’s Hill issue.
- Bills – None.
- The mail was reviewed.
- The Board discussed potential joint community projects involving Nashoba Valley Medical Center (NVMC) and the schools. H. Hasz will research the current “community health network alliance”, which focuses around hospitals that serve an area (like NVMC), provides grants, and collaborates on programs. P. Papineau will contact the school and NVMC to find out about community involvement.
- **H. Hasz motioned to adjourn, P. Papineau 2nd, A 3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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