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Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2011

Call to order 5:05 p.m.

Members present: Mary Spinner, Chair; Margaret Kidder, Clerk; Marilyn McMillan, Member
Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant

- This meeting was rescheduled from December 27, 2010.
- **M. Kidder motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2010, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.**
- Fowl Permit for John Overcash, 32 Washington Street – An email was received from B. Braley stating she finds no issue with increasing the number of chickens from 18 to 40. This will amend the current permit, which is renewed annually on June 1.
M. Kidder motioned to approve the permit as amended for John Overcash at 32 Washington Street, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.
- No material was received this week from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.
 - M. Spinner updated the Board on 63 East Main Street, which will go up for auction this Friday. Building Inspector Gabe Vellante recently inspected the site with police and has ordered by January 11 for the building to be cleaned, trash removed, and secured.
- Bills approval – None.
- Mail reviewed:
 - MassDEP Drinking Water Program found deficiencies at Littleton Lyne Apartments. They must come up with a plan to rectify the problems within 30 days.
 - A letter was received from People of Ayer Concerned About the Environment (PACE) regarding 211 West Main Street. This is an ongoing issue.
 - M. McMillan will review the Hazardous Materials Training CD and DVD.
- Misc.:
 - The Board reviewed the BOH budget materials to be submitted to the Finance Committee. The total BOH budget is \$10,270.
 - M. Spinner will draft the BOH Town Report, which is due by February 28.
 - R. Terry updated the Board on a call from a neighbor on Jonathan Drive who has an issue with “chicken noise” and reviewed information gathered from research on the topic. Chicken noise could be a public health issue if it becomes a nuisance and/or disease issue. The Board decided to share our research with the parties as a suggestion to seek to remedy the problem.
 - M. Spinner discussed the current proposed zoning changes, which appear to violate our Aquifer Protection Regulations. Copies of the Aquifer Regs have been sent to the Planning Board twice.
 - Transfer Station Preliminary Discussion -
 - We need to look at charging for the recycling sticker (a minimum of \$10 has been suggested), which will be effective July 1, 2011.
 - The Board will revoke the \$500 violation fine (with minor change) at its next meeting.
 - R. Terry to research what other towns are charging for recycling.
- Old Business:
 - Assistant Job Description – M. Kidder distributed a draft Assistant job description, which the Board will review prior to finalizing.
- **M. Kidder motioned to adjourn, M. McMillan 2nd, A 3/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Mary Spinner - 1/10/11
Margaret M. Kidder 1/10/11
Marilyn McMillan