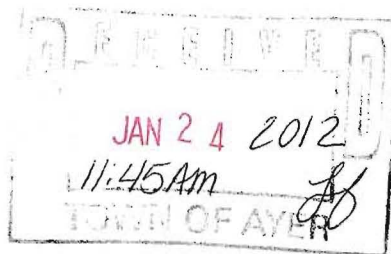


Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2011



Call to order 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Spinner, Chair; Margaret Kidder, Clerk

Members absent: Marilyn McMillan, Member

Also present: Ruth Terry, Administrative Assistant

- **M. Kidder motioned to approve the minutes of November 28, 2011, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review:
 - M. Kidder reported that the NABH assessment for Ayer is being reduced, with final amounts to be voted this week.
 - M. Spinner asked M. Kidder to request that NABH be more precise in their meeting minutes. One suggestion is to note what town a member is from.
 - In response to our request, B. Braley can attend a future BOH meeting with advance notice.
 - B. Braley sent a letter to the owner of the 128 Washington Street and 14 Williams Street properties re housing and sanitation code violations, with a copy to Ayer Selectmen.
 - M. Kidder received a complaint about a West Main Street property. B. Braley will be notified.
- Laurie Nehring of PACE re Shepley's Hill Landfill –
 - The Board reviewed the email and attachments received from Laurie Nehring and People of Ayer Concerned about the Environment (PACE) re the Army's Withdrawal of the Feasibility Study for Shepley's Hill Landfill. She states they are very concerned about the high levels of arsenic still present.
 - M. McMillan should be asked to review this material.
 - The Board agreed to draft a letter opposing the withdrawal and to contact L. Nehring for her suggestions re talking points to be included.
 - The Selectmen will discuss this at their Dec. 20 meeting.
- Bills approval – None.
- BOH regulation review –
 - Kennels and doggie day care – M. Kidder is researching doggie day care, which may be separate from kennel regs.
 - Outdoor Wood Burning – Ask Fire Chief to review BOH regs in light of current Massachusetts law. Check state fire marshal for info. Contact a seller re requirements given to purchasers.
 - Aquifer protection – Ask B. Braley for comments on the Health District Regulations. M. Spinner will attend the Planning Board public hearing on January 5, 2012, re the proposed changes in the Aquifer Protection Bylaw.
 - Private wells – Still must check with state re need for hearing.
 - Regulations will be signed when all BOH members are present. Ready to sign are tobacco, floor drains, body art, and animals.
 - To finish: private wells, Outdoor Wood Burning, aquifer protection.
 - Next to work on: kennels, abandoned property.
 - Need to consider cost for newspaper notices when reviewing BOH budget.
- The BOH meeting schedule for 2012 was reviewed.
- BOH budget – No capital expenditures.
- **M. Kidder motioned to adjourn, M. Spinner 2nd, A 2/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Mary Spinner - 1/23/12
Margaret Kidder 1/23/12