Ayer Board of Health Meeting Minutes February 22, 2010

Call to order: 5:00pm

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

Not Present: Marilyn McMillan, Member

Also present: Michelle Carlisle, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approval – 2/8/10

- M. Spinner motioned to approve the minutes from 2/8/10, M. Kidder 2nd, A 2/0.
- Lisa Gabree, Town Accountant and Dan Nason, DPW Superintendent re: Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, Transfer Station
 - L. Gabree reviewed the proposed FY11 budget.
 - L. Gabree and D. Nason discussed the revenue for the Transfer Station.
 - ➤ D. Nason reviewed Single Stream Recycle and Solid Waste proposal from Casella vs. the current information from Covanta who's contract is up in June 2010.
 - Projected cost savings from Casella is approx. \$41,730.
 - Currently, there is no goal to have the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund operating as it should be. D. Nason's goal is to have that done within 5 years.
 - ➤ L. Gabree stated that there is also an indirect cost savings of going to Casella of approx. \$32,000 totaling over \$70K in savings.
 - M. Kidder asked how would the residents be educated and what is the timeframe of this new system? D. Nason stated that Casella would help with the education and they are looking at implementing the new system by July 1, 2010.
 - M. Spinner stated that it might take a while, but people will get used to it. It will be much easier for residents to recycle since they won't have to separate the recyclables anymore.
 - L. Gabree asked if there would be any revenue from the recyclables with the new system. D. Nason stated No.
 - ➤ M. Spinner hates to borrow unless absolutely necessary. She asked if the cost of the chipper and pick-up could now come from free cash. L. Gabree yes.
 - M. Spinner suggested using one green bulk item tag (\$5) for all tires including car tires.
 - M. Spinner thinks that making the change to single stream is enough of a change for residents and wants to go to bags at a later date.
 - ➤ M. Spinner is concerned that stores such as Hanneford and Aubochon wouldn't check the permit sticker list before selling the bags and that people without permits might use the transfer station.
 - John Gamelin, Foreman, Transfer Station, stated that bags are much easier to check and with this new change to single stream, it will allow for more time to check for proper vehicle stickers.
 - M. Spinner asked if the stores would sell the bags for nothing. J. Gamelin stated that the vendors will be dealing directly with the stores who sell the bags.
 - L. Gabree asked the board to vote to move \$63K from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund's free cash to offset the General Fund Subsidy.
 - M. Spinner moved to take \$63K from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund's Free Cash to offset the General Fund Subsidy, M. Kidder 2nd, A2/0.
 - L. Gabree to send new budget to BOH and D. Nason.
 - > D. Nason will still look into bags vs. tags.
 - M. Kidder and M. Spinner think both changes should be rolled out at the same time.

- Currently going to ask Kelley's to limit the sale of bag tags per person until we switch to bags. That way residents don't end up with several left over tags. Once the switch is made, residents will be able to use their bag tags until they run out.
- Bills WB Mason \$151.57 to be taken from the Region II Grant money.
- Discussed Satellite phone and that it is currently with Ken Gikas.
- Mail reviewed.
 - PanAm Southern "as built" plans.
- 20 Fletcher Street adding a breezeway to connect the house to the garage and turning the garage into a two car.
 - M. Spinner asked about proper disposal.
 - M. Kidder stated that it's the Building Inspector's responsibility to ensure there is a dumpster on site for proper disposal.
 - M. Carlisle to send an email to Sue Sullivan, Planning, stating that the BOH has approved the plans for 20 Fletcher St. with proper disposal of the material.
- M. Spinner motioned to make all tires \$5 (one green bulk item tag), M. Kidder 2nd, A2/0.
 - M. Carlisle to let Kelley's Hallmark know.

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• M. Spinner motion to adjourn, M. kidder 2nd A2/0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

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