

Ayer Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2009

Call to order 5:00pm

Members present: Margaret Kidder, Chair, Mary Spinner, Clerk
Marilyn McMillan, Member – Not present

Also present: Michelle Carlisle, Administrative Assistant

- Minutes approval – 11/9/09
 - **Mary Spinner motioned to approve minutes from 11/9/09, M. Kidder 2nd, A 2/0.**
- Bills Approval – none.
- Tessa David from MassToss and Donna Kneally from Mass Development – appeared before the board regarding a Regional Hazardous Products Collection Program.
 - Devens has set aside land for this site on DPW owned property – Cook Street.
 - M. Kidder – is affordable housing supposed to go near this site? T. David – no.
 - Working with surrounding towns and conducted extensive research.
 - Benefits to Ayer – regional service, routine, more cost effective than the “one day” events. Easier for residents to dispose of hazardous waste. Easy access for people moving and cleaning out their house.
 - Will include small businesses – meaning small in the amount they discard.
 - M. Spinner asked if this will include the hospital. T. David – no.
 - Leominster and Lowell used to have sites such as this, but shut down because of cost.
 - Residents bring approximately 2.3 tons of hazardous waste to the “one day” events.
 - Residents will still pay to dispose their items.
 - M. Spinner – will there be a person working to make sure of proper disposal? T. David – yes. A properly trained person who can inspect containers for leaks etc.
 - Residents will make appoints during business hours so that there is no wait.
 - There will be a one-time cost of \$130K split between each member town. The approximate one-time cost for Ayer would be \$11,478. Cost is to redevelop the site for this purpose.
 - Annual cost of \$25K split between each member town would be \$2,384 for Ayer.
 - M. Kidder – the cost to Ayer is \$0 right now because we do not have a program.
 - Signing a Memorandum of Agreement would include Ayer in the program. It is a two year agreement. Oversight Committee would consist of a person from each member town. Ayer would be invoiced once a year in July. Any funds not used would be credited back to the town.
 - Also looking for state grants to help fund the capital costs.
 - Devens will maintain the site (plowing etc.).
 - This program is driven by cost effectiveness – if there aren’t enough town’s participating, the program will not go forward.
 - Cost for a resident would be approx. \$40 for up to 10 gallons/10 pounds and \$60 for 11 to 25 gallons/11 to 25 pounds.
 - M. Kidder – what’s the down-side? T. David – if not enough towns in the program, cost would be too high.
 - M. Kidder – in the MOA, is a “small business” clearly defined? T. David – yes, defined by the state.
 - D. Neely offered the board members a site visit.

- D. Neely – site is out of the way with room to expand. It's where the old Devens transfer station used to be. The site has been cleaned up.
- M. Kidder – is the site anywhere near the Aquifer? T. David – no.
- M. Spinner stated we are 5 months into the FY10 budget, where would the money come from? T. David – in speaking with Dan Nason, DPW Superintendent and Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator, they said there might be some money now.
- M. Kidder – any grant money that can be used? T. David – not that she's aware of.
- M. Kidder – does this include the school? T. David – Yes.
- M. Kidder – asked M. Carlisle to check with Ken Gikas, Region II consultant, to see if there is any grant money from them.
- T. David – some towns are taking advantage of the Septic loans program. M. Carlisle to ask Lisa Gabree, Town Financial Manager, if there is any money left in that program.
- M. Carlisle to send Dan Nason's and Shaun Suhoski's contact information to M. Kidder.
- Mail reviewed.
 - PHER funds – what if we don't use all the grant money? M. Carlisle – it has to be returned to the state.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review
 - 85 Fitchburg Rd. – B. Braley wanted the board to revote to "re-inspect" in 6 months. Board wants exact information before voting. M. Carlisle to get the correct information from B. Braley for the next meeting. Board will not vote until then.
 - M. Carlisle to get information re: 63 E. Main St. from B. Braley. M. Kidder stated this is a priority.
 - 21 Cambridge Street – M. Carlisle to send animal and fowl permit application for the ducks.
- Old Fire House re-use suggestions –
 - M. Kidder and M. Spinner – no parking, so only good for storage, but, it would cost too much money to renovate for storage only.
 - M. Spinner stated that there are only three things you can do with it: sell it, renovate it or knock it down.
 - Board did not have any specific suggestions.
- Miscellaneous –
 - H1N1 Clinic – information from M. McMillan that she received at a MAHB certification seminar for discussion at this meeting – pre-write a fatality release (just in case) and have a greeter for the clinic.
 - M. Kidder – does not want to pre-write a fatality notice. M. Spinner agreed.
- M. Carlisle to contact Joan Hamlett, Tobacco Alliance, to get information for upcoming public hearing.
- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, M. Kidder^{2nd}, A2/0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Mary Spinner - 12/24/09
Margaret M. Kidder 12/24/09

12-15-09A11:36 RCVD

JK