

Ayer Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2009

Call to order 5:00pm

Members present: Margaret Kidder, Chair; Marilyn McMillan, Clerk and Mary Spinner, Member  
Also present: Michelle Carlisle, Administrative Assistant

- Minutes approval – 4/13/09
  - **M. Spinner motioned to approve minutes from 4/13/09, M. Kidder 2<sup>nd</sup>, A 2/0.**
- Ms. Kathy Karlson – inherited her mother's property at 82 Pleasant St. She was given permission to use the Transfer Station for FY09 to clean out this property. It expires on June 30, 2009 and she is asking for a one year extension.
  - Board explained that they usually only give a one month permit.
  - *long* Kathy Karlson stated she had a dumpster put on the property to clean out the house. M. Kidder asked how the dumpster would be there for. Kathy Karlson stated it has already been removed.
  - M. McMillan stated this board can't make a decision tonight. It would require a complete revision of the current policy and this board needs to see what, if anything can be changed.
  - M. Kidder stated that a lot of research needs to go into making policy changes and it would also require a Public Hearing.
  - Kathy Karlson stated she pays property taxes in Ayer and that part of those taxes goes towards the DPW. Therefore, she's paying for the transfer Station and she would like to use it.
  - M. Kidder stated that yes, you do pay taxes, but it's not your primary residence.
  - M. Spinner stated it doesn't just affect this board to make a change to allow all property tax payers to use the transfer station; it affects the staff at the transfer station too.
  - Kathy Karlson asked if she rented her house, could the tenants buy a transfer station permit? Board said yes.
  - M. McMillan suggested Kathy ask a neighbor to help her out.
- Bills approval – Staples \$39.99 out of Region II grant money.
- Mail review
  - 211 W. Main St. – M. McMillan recused herself from the discussion – Mass DEP has issued a new tracking number because the levels of PCE have gone above allowable limits. End discussion – M. McMillan rejoined the meeting.
- Nashoba Associated Boards of Health – Bridgette Braley, Health Agent – material review
  - Routine inspections
- Miscellaneous
  - Ruth Maxant letter to the Board of Selectman
    - The BOS is allowing Ruth Maxant time on the agenda for the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. M. Kidder can't go. M. Spinner stated someone from the BOH should be there. M. Kidder suggested sending in a statement. M. McMillan agreed and does not want to go and respond to all the false accusations.
      - M. McMillan to draft a statement.
- Swine Flu update – M. Carlisle took part in a conference call with the Mass DPH and discussed the call with the board. M. Carlisle to have fact sheets posted on the website.
- **M. Spinner motioned to adjourn, M. McMillan 2<sup>nd</sup>, A3/0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

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*Mary Spinner - 5/4/09*  
*Margaret M. Kidder 5/4/09*

*Marilyn McMillan 5/4/09* 1