

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH HEARING
Wednesday, November 26th, 2025 – 10:00 AM
VIA ZOOM

Hearing Minutes

Present: Melanie Ames-Zamojski, Chair and Rachel Stoler

Staff: Ryan Paxton, Health Director for Montague and Geneva Bickford, Board of Health Clerk

Other: Jeffrey Taylor

Melanie Ames-Zamojski opened Hearing #1 at 10:00 AM

Hearing: Condemnation of 34 Montague Ave:

- Board to hold a hearing to consider issuing a finding that the dwelling located at 34 Montague Ave be declared unfit for human habitation.
 - Jeffrey Taylor of 34 Montague Ave is present via Zoom. Jeffrey is the owner of 34 Montague Ave. Zamojski advises Taylor it was brought to BOH attention there is no water at the property. Taylor says he only stays at that property if he has nowhere else to stay and he usually stays with friends. He was in jail for a while until 2024 and has not been able to get a job and therefore is unable to pay his water bill and is unable to pay. He discusses his situation with the board. Zamojski suggests Taylor may be able to work with the jail to get a job or assistance in finding a job. Taylor states his probation officer is working with him and the reentry team from the jail, just connected with them last week and is in the process of getting his stuff together and working hard to find a job. He is a mechanic by trade and part of the problem is there is another mechanic at a tire place and he has been black listed with other mechanic shops in town. Zamojski suggests maybe his probation officer or the work placement group may be able to help him with that part of the issue. Taylor has started a little side work at nights doing small mechanic stuff at night and hopes to have the funds to pay the water bill within a week or so. Taylor owns the house outright purchased it in 2019 and there is no mortgage on the property. There is no one else living at the house other than him. He did have someone living there and has since had that person removed from the property and they no longer live there. There was an issue with that person and the environmental police regarding a bear. Taylor is the only one that has been living at the property for a while now and has no plans on having anyone else living with him. The exterior of the house needs work. Taylor expects that someone will be there by the weekend to pickup the scrap metal. The snowmobile boat and ride on will remain. Paxton feels that if the water gets turned on they will be in a good place rather than condemn the building. The board is meeting again on 12/11 and will plan to revisit then. Taylor will attend the meeting on 12/11. Best way to contact Jeffrey Taylor is jeffreytaylor905@gmail.com. Jeffrey Taylor is not longer participating in the meeting at 10:12 am Taylor is no longer participating in the meeting possibly lost connection, the board is hoping he will rejoin the meeting. If he does not rejoin GB will send an email to Taylor confirming water will be turned on, asking for a phone # and GB can confirm with water dept that the water is turned back on and they want to see some movement on cleaning up the scrap metal. Stoler suggests the Franklin Hampshire Career Center may be able to help him in finding a job as well.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to extend the correction deadline for 34 Montague Ave in Lake Pleasant to Thursday December 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Seconded by Melanie Ames-Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Stoler – aye, and Ames-Zamojski – aye

Meeting adjourned: 6:08 PM

Approved by: _____

Rachel Stoler

Date: _____

12/11/25

Documents:

October 21, 2025 Order to Correct;
November 11, 2025 Hearing Notice.

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Present: Melanie Ames-Zampolli, Chair and Rachel Stoler
Staff: Ryan Pardon, Health Director for Montague and Geneva Bickford, Board of Health Clerk
Absent: Jeffrey Taylor

Melanie Ames-Zampolli opened Hearing #1 at 10:00 AM

Hearing: Contamination of 34 Montague Ave

Board to hold a hearing to consider issuing a finding on the dwelling located at 34 Montague Ave for contamination for human habitation.

Jeffrey Taylor of 34 Montague Ave is present via Zoom. Jeffrey is the owner of 34 Montague Ave. Zampolli advises Taylor it was brought to BOH attention there is no water at the property. Taylor says he only stays at the property if he has no where else to stay and he usually stays with friends. He was in jail for a while until 2024 and has not been able to get a job and therefore is unable to pay his water bill and is unable to pay. He discusses his situation with the board. Zampolli suggests Taylor may be able to work with the jail to get a job or assistance in finding a job. Taylor states his probation officer is working with him and the money from the jail just connected with them last week and is in the process of getting his stuff together and working hard to find a job. He is a mechanic by trade and part of the problem is there is another mechanic at a fire place and he has been black listed with other mechanic shops in town. Zampolli suggests maybe his probation officer or the work placement group may be able to help him with that part of the issue. Taylor has shared a little side work at night doing small mechanic work at night and hopes to have the funds to pay the water bill within a week or so. Taylor owns the house outright purchased it in 2019 and there is no mortgage on the property. There is no one else living at the house other than him. He did have someone living there and has since had that person removed from the property and they no longer live there. There was an issue with that person and the environmental police regarding a bear. Taylor is the only one that has been living at the property for a while now and has no plans on having anyone else living with him. The exterior of the house needs work. Taylor expects that someone will be there by the weekend to pick up the scrap metal. The snowmobile boat and bike on will remain. Pardon asks that if the water goes turned on they will be in a good place rather than condemn the building. The board is meeting again on 12/1 and will plan to revisit then. Taylor will attend the meeting on 12/1. Best way to contact Jeffrey Taylor is jeffreytaylor2025@gmail.com. Jeffrey Taylor is no longer participating in the meeting at 10:12 am Taylor is no longer participating in the meeting. Possibly lost connection, the board is hoping he will rejoin the meeting. If he does not rejoin GB will send an email to Taylor confirming water will be turned on asking for a phone # and GB can confirm with water dept that the water is turned back on and they want to see some movement on cleaning up the scrap metal. Stoler suggests the Franklin Hampshire Career Center may be able to help him in finding a job as well.

Rachel Stoler requested to extend the correction deadline for 34 Montague Ave in Lake Pleasant to Thursday December 11, 2025 at 3:30 pm. Seconded by Melanie Ames-Zampolli. Motion passed.

Stoler - ops and Amer-Zampolli - ops

Meeting adjourned: 6:08 PM

Date: 10/11/25

Approved by: Rachel Stoler