

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH HEARING

Wednesday, May 1, 2025 –2:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Rachel Stoler and Melanie Ames-Zamojski

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

Other: Kerri Meelia, Shinae Lee, Melanie Scoffa (unsure of name) (CDH Worker), Kamas Choi

Michael Nelson opened the hearing at 2:04 PM

Melanie Ames-Zamojski joined the meeting via Zoom at 2:14 pm

Discussion: 62 E Chestnut Hill Rd:

- Board to discuss and consider issuing a finding that the dwelling is unfit for habitation, following previous hearing on April 9, 2025.
 - Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide Detectors were successfully installed after the April 9, 2025 hearing.
 - Immediate corrections cited were smoke and carbon monoxide detectors needed to be installed, the laundry exhaust needed to be repaired as well as the bathroom ventilation. There were also a handful of 30-day violations that were cited as well.
 - Kerri Meelia (“Meelia”) indicates that a repairman attempted to do repairs to the property, but the repairman was not able to enter the property. When the repairman gained access he informed Meelia that there was mold in the bathroom vent. Neighbors have also contacted Meelia with their concerns regarding the state of the property and the “stuff” in the yard.
 - Shinae Lee (“Lee”) is concerned with the mold and she has been sick recently. Lee also advises the board that there have been no efforts to schedule any other repairs.
 - Ryan Paxton (“Paxton”) recommends that the property be condemned and Meelia will have to find alternative housing for Lee for the remainder of the lease (2 months).
 - Meelia discusses with Paxton and the Board 105CMR410.900 (e) and will Paxton send a copy of the code section to Meelia.
 - Paxton will send out notices to all necessary parties and Meelia will be in contact with Lee to make necessary arrangements for alternative housing. Lee will only communicate in writing with Meelia.

Melanie Ames-Zamojski **Motioned** to find 62 E Chestnut Hill Rd unfit for habitation. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**

Stoler – aye, Nelson – aye and Ames-Zamojski– aye

Hearing adjourned: 2:25 PM

Melanie Ames-Zamojski **Motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health Meeting. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**

Stoler – aye, Nelson – aye and Ames-Zamojski– aye

Approved by: _____

Rachel Stoler

Date: _____

6/18/25

Documents: None