MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING & HEARING
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 – 5:30 PM
Town Hall – Annex Meeting Room and ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Melanie Ames-Zamojski, Rachel Stoler
Staff: Ashley Gough, Health Director and Geneva Bickford, Board of Health Clerk
Other: Kyle Dragon, Franklin County Animal Control (via Zoom)

Michael Nelson opened the meeting at 5:30 PM

Discussion: Animal Control Contract and Agreement

- Board will review and discuss the current agreement and contract the town has with Franklin County Regional Animal Control.
  - Gough and Kyle Dragon ("Dragon") discuss the contract the town has with Animal Control to get more clarity. There has been confusion around bats and how that process works. Gough has spoken with Windy Hollow and is working on an agreement with them. They have agreed to only charge for the shipping. Gough is looking into shipping costs and will work on an agreement with Windy Hollow. Dragon agreed that they would use Windy Hollow as long as they were open but if an issue comes and they are closed Animal Control will need to use another veterinarian.

Director's Report:

- Board to Review the Director's August 2026 Report
  - The board unanimously voted to accept the August 2026 Director's Report as written.
    - 29 Avenue A – a tenant has come to the office to report that the dumpster was removed from 29 Avenue A and replaced with 3 barrels, BOH regulations state that any building that has 3 units or more is required to have a dumpster. The board asks Gough to send an Order requiring the dumpster at 23-29 Avenue A.
    - 4 Old Stage Rd – this is an ongoing septic matter, essentially there is no system in place, there is also no one living at the property. A perc was completed and the owner is deciding how they want to move forward
    - Vaccine clinics have been scheduled for multiple dates at various locations in October, notice has been put on the towns website as well as the BOH page and postings have been put up in various locations in Town Hall.

*Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

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

Nurse Report:

- Board to Review the Nurse's August 2026 Report
  - The board unanimously voted to accept the August 2026 Nurse's Report as written.

*Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's Report. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

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

Animal/Barn Inspector Report:

- Board to Review the Animal/Barn Inspector's August 2026 Report
  - The board unanimously voted to accept the August 2026 Animal/Barn Inspector's Report as written.

*Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to accept the Animal/Barn Inspector's Report. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

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

Minutes:

- The Board of Health ("BOH") Members reviewed and approved the August 26, 2026 minutes.

*Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to accept the August 26, 2026 Minutes. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

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

Signature: Letter of Support for the Domestic Violence Prevention Proclomation:

- The Board signed the proclamation voted on at the August 26, 2026 Board of Health Meeting.

*Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to support the procolmation that will be submitted to the Selectboard to recognize October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourage the Selectboard to support the same. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

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

Signature: Public Health Emergency Preparedness ("PHEP") Representative Designation

- The Board briefly discussed who should be the representatives. Ashley Gough is the primary representative and Michael Nelson will be the Secondary (Alternate) Representative. The form was completed and signed

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to appoint Ashley Gough as the primary representative and Michaeal Nelson as the Alternate Representative. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:12 PM

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

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

Approved by: Rachel Stoler Date: 11/18/26

Documents:
Specimen for Rabies Testing Form;
3/30/26 Email Correspondence between Gough & Ashley Kraft at MDAR;
Regional Animal Control Services Agreement;
330 CMR 10.00
August 26, 2026 Minutes;
Director's August 2026 Report;
Nurse's August 2026 Report;
Animal/Barn Inspector's August 2026 Report;
Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation;
PHEP Representative Designation Form Explanation
Designation of Municipal Representatives to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coalition;