

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 –5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room - Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chris Boutwell, Jay DiPucchio, Michael Nelson - Chair, Gina McNeely, Director Board of Health and Guests: Peter and Jeanne Golrick Chris Janke and Mark Wisniewski

- **Peter Golrick aggrieved due to erroneous condemnation order:**
 - Peter was angry when he wrote the letter to the Montague Board of Health and has since calmed down. There has been correspondence since then rescinding orders and apologizing for the mis-information that was given and acted upon. He is here to state that the lack of attention and relying on other departments has led to this and other outcomes. He cited that he attended the TF Water District Meeting this week and there was a warrant article that was 2 years old on the agenda. He is concerned about both the perception and the accuracy in which the Town of Montague and its departments work.
 - Peter is also concerned with the paperwork and the file on the property that if someone asks for a condemnation letter you might not see that it was rescinded. Options include writing on the original letter and stapling the documents. As documents age and people change it makes sense to have the action noted that was taken. Where do the condemnation letters go – just the current BOH and the recipient (Peter and Jeanne Golrick).
 - Gina will watermark the document on the computer, write in the margins for reference, and protect the document.
 - Jeanne Golrick went to the TFWD Nancy was on vacation and Eileen was pinch hitting in her absent at the Water Department which is where the incorrect information came from.
 - Peter was also concerned that he was noted as owner rather than occupant at the property – who was notified and in what capacity. Gina said she cites the occupants not the owners if she needs to clarify she will in the paperwork on file.
 - Peter would like to see some minor changes to procedures that would help to ensure this would not happen to someone else.

- **Directors Report March 2011:**
 - Asbestos found around town – letters went out to those residents
 - Composting toilets – Gina learning about the logistics and implementation
 - Icy Driveway – taken care of by the Landlord
 - Chicken – Randlewood Drive – Gina to visit to see and experience
 - Arsenic and Uranium in well water
 - 3 Wolcott Street issues are at a standstill till Gina goes back to court at a later date

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Directors report for the month of March. This was seconded by Chris Boutwell. All accepted

- **Review Minutes:** March 16, 2011 Minutes (Were not recorded) and April 6 Special Meeting Minutes and April 20, 2011. These will be reviewed on May 25, 2011.

- **Vacation Request:** July 1 – 18, 2011

Chris Boutwell motioned to accept Gina's vacation request from July 1-18 2011 This was seconded by Michael Nelson. All accepted

- **Rendezvous – Code Violations and License:**

Chris Boutwell is excusing himself due to conflict with his business (liquor distributor for the Rendezvous)

- Gina has had a hard time getting the attention of the Rendezvous to clean up their kitchen and maintain.
- Rendezvous gave Gina a plan that they would follow to clean up the restaurant.
- Jay's understanding is that the compliance and re-inspection go well but go back to code violations. Maintenance is mandatory at this point
- Recycling Shed – piles of debris and attracts rodents

Rendezvous Owners:

- Rodent problem has been solved – monthly service has been retained
- Sanitizer – cook said he does uses the sanitizer
- Temperature – re-inspection no issues at this time
- Management Changes: Hired 3 Managers in the last year and have a new manager on board (Dave) less than 2 months employed. Dave's resume includes 20 years in the restaurant industry and ran restaurants in NYC.
- Manger of the Rendezvous to meet with Gina regularly

Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements:

- There has been an initiation by Frank in Town Hall to deal with the idling trains in Millers Falls and Lake Pleasant villages. 3 residents came and spoke about life with the trains. This includes fear, air quality, and speed of trains. Chris Boutwell said the EPA is trying to get the trains to retrofit to cut down on fuels. A resident did request air quality testing; Gina has started the research on ambient and fine particulate data to be done out there. Pat, Chair of the Selectboard has promised a joint public meeting with DPH, BOH, DEP, EPA, John Olver, Pan Am representatives. We will have to use Hillcrest School to allow for the crowds. This is a process that will take some time to make headway on the part of the train companies and the town.

Michael Nelson motioned to adjourn at 6:20PM and both Jay DiPucchio Chris Boutwell seconded the motion together.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Meeting Agenda Subject to Change