

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room - Town Hall, One Avenue A,
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chris Boutwell, Michael Nelson - Chair, Gina McNeely – Board of Health Director

Absent: Jay DiPucchio

Michael Nelson opened Board of Health Meeting at 6:00PM

- **Review Minutes: December 14, 2011 Minutes**

Christopher Boutwell motioned to pass December 14, 2011 Minutes. This motion was seconded by Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

- **Ed Philbrook owner of 94-98 Second Street – review of dumpster variance for this property**

The BOH office has had many reoccurrences of trash on the tree belt. Gina McNeely first contacted Ed Philbrook by email. At first, there were reasonable excuses for the trash. However, time has gone by and the complaints continue to come in and the trash is not being taken care of. Revoking the dumpster variance will not resolve completely the issues but it will move the trash to the back of the building. A suggestion would be to write Ed Philbrook a letter regarding fining him if the dumpster is not cared for. A gentleman by the name of Jim Davis has complained as he owns 19 rental properties including the one abutting 94-98 Second Street and Gina has never been called to any of his properties during her tenure with the Montague Board of Health. On that note, Gina McNeely recommends revoking the variance and sending Ed Philbrook a letter for next month's meeting along with a request that a recycling notice for the Town of Montague be sent to all his tenants in writing.

- **Community Innovation Challenge Grant**

Jay DiPucchio sent an email to Gina that he just spent 6 months on the other grant and just heard about this grant. This is an initiative between Greenfield and Deerfield to get a Public Health Nurse and an Animal Inspector for this region. Chris Boutwell was approached by Carolyn Ness asking him to get a hold of Nicole to sign a letter of interest for the grant. This could not happen due to the timing and the MLK holiday. The FRCOG is going for the CIC grant and Phoebe was calling folks at the last minute to sign on. At this point take a wait and see attitude to what transpires. Later down the road the BOH could write a letter of intent.

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- **Board of Selectman**

Gina McNeely put in a request to the Board of Selectman for a part time inspector that includes the position of animal and barn inspector into the job description. Maybe we could use money from the events if it comes back to the Board of Health.

- **Director's Report for November 2011**

73 Canal Street – called for a no heat found a second means of egress needed some attention as it was blocked by a large spruce tree and the wooden fire escape needs repair. (Walter Williams)

15 5th Street – The only rooming house in town. A call came in that the bathrooms were filthy. The landlord Matthew Robinson was informed that the state law requires cleaning of the bathroom every 24 hours in a rooming house. The chronically damp apartment is fixed and back available to rent.

Carroll's Market – A complaint about the quality of the meats. Gina McNeely went there and found nothing and called the FDA to double check that she was not missing anything.

Carolyn up on MAVEN to see things on this system

Rabid Fox – Walnut Street and Media coverage

Flu Clinics were held in Montague by Billie and Carolyn

Christopher Boutwell motioned to accept the Directors Report for November 2011. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

- **Director's Report for December 2011**

101 4th Street – The complaint came in from a resident who complained about 101 3rd street but it was 101 4th Street – Jean Hebden - owner. The yard was a mess and could and should be cleaned up. Gina did a written order and followed it up with a phone call.

Perc Tests - and review of repair plans

3 Norman Circle – The house is boarded and secured. It might take awhile to get it all done.

Christopher Boutwell motioned to accept the Directors Report for December 2011. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

- **Topics Not Anticipated within the 48 hour posting**

Re-Appointments of the Montague Town Slate, Veterinary, Sarah Kemble, Burial Agent, Solid Waste District

Christopher Boutwell motioned to re-appoint the slate for the calendar year of 2012. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

Outdoor Wood Boilers (OWB's)

Christopher Boutwell motioned to continue the OWB's and Hydronic Wood Heaters moratorium for the calendar year of 2012. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

Christopher Boutwell motioned to adjourn the monthly BOH meeting. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

*****Meeting Agenda Subject to Change*****