

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

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

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chris Boutwell, Michael Nelson, Chair, Jay DiPucchio, Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health, Town Nurse Carolyn Merriam, Robert and Linda Spring.

Michael Nelson opened Board of Health Meeting at 6:30 PM

- **Review Minutes: January 18, 2012 and March 6, 2012 Minutes**

Michael Nelson motioned to pass January 18, 2012 minutes as amended with changes by Gina McNeely. This motion was seconded by Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to pass the March 6, 2012 minutes, this motion was seconded by Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

- **Robert E. Spring Jr. 15 Massasoit Street**

There has been an excess of trash/debris along with 2 campers, tires and school buses at this residence. The Board of Health has gotten complaints and Gina has issued an Order to Correct Violations dated March 13, 2012.

2007 – Robert and Linda Spring got an almost identical Order to Correct following complaints at that time consisting of excess wood/pallets, campers and that they could have only 1 unregistered vehicle at the property. The wood/pallets are in continued use by Robert and Linda and are replenished every year and used for a heat source. Most of these issues were discussed in 2007 and Ok'd by the Montague Board of Health at that time. Gina was asked and found the original minutes from that meeting – July 25, 2007 to refer to during this session.

2011 – Robert and Linda Spring are in a similar place as they were in 2007. The Honey brand econolodge/camper has been removed since the Order to Correct was issued this past March. The other camper is used at a camping village that the Spring's regularly visit. The bus still runs and the insides have been gutted out and the space can and is being used for storage. The saw horses and pallets in question are used to cut up pallets and then burned for heat. Some of the other scrap wood is from Brian and Lilly Matheson's residence at 3 Wolcott Street (Robert has been helping them to clean up). A file cabinet is in the yard as Robert has not had time or the chance to move it. The pile of bricks goes on the floor inside the out building. There are roofing panels still in plastic and will be used for the repairing the roof of 15 Massasoit Street (A family member works for a roofing company). The 50 gallon drums are all empty and were going to be used to transport to Kramer's. The large piece of glass on the North side of bus is just leaning there. Tires have to be removed and will be used as a retaining wall by the Spring's. There are two aluminum doors (white and red ones) that are leaning up on the side of the riding lawn mower. Bucket(s) of wire scattered – to turn into Kramer's in the future.

There are an abundance of red plastic plates from Coca Cola Company (hold 2 liter bottles for transport and merchandising. A gas grill that has all working parts needs to go to Kramer's. Lawn sweeper for use on their property – rubber roofing material is used to keep things safe from the elements. The pile(s) of pine branches kept for their campsite. The bureaus have been

burned up that were located on the trailer over the winter. Blue Barn needs a bottom sill – all contents been taken out and leaning up against it. The bus has lots of room as “Jimmy” took items in the fall. Black and White item goes on the back of the sleeper. Need to have the balance between money and time. Robert Spring has had major health problems and he now works a lot of hours. Robert Spring does not have the strength, time or money and organize it better which would be a huge improvement. Property is within the 500 feet watershed protection area. In looking at everything it is an accumulation of everything rather than anyone thing.

Some questions arose from Gina McNeely, BOH members and David Jensen, Montague Building Inspector (who was consulted):

- When does a residence become a home occupancy issue/home business and needs to be “turned in”?
- When does a property become a “warehouse”? How much stuff can a residential property hold?
- The visibility of the debris is an issue. The BOH is trying to work within the reality of your situation and give you some time, options in which to accommodate the order – BOH members.
- The things that are potentially hazardous need to get out of the yard. The bus and the shed they can use for storage of items.
- Gina can and will do another order that addresses specific things and a time frame/30 days re-visit situation to remove, store or legal dispose of debris.

How items need to be handled:

- Bus – to stay for use as a storage area. If items/debris gets out of hand then the bus should go.
- Identify items that are currently in the bus – to get rid of or convert to cash
- Drum – metal drum cut lid off and bring them to Kramer’s
- Blue Plastic Drum – Is a rubbish barrel for the residence
- Blue Plastic Drum behind the bus – filled with kindling wood
- Air Tank from a tracker trailer truck – under the bus
- 2 Air Compressors – operating put away
- Roofing Panels still new going on the roof – 10 feet long by 2 feet long 4 feet high – under the bus.
- Tires – are in the back of the bus and some are in the front of the bus for a retaining wall. Building Department and Conservation Commission will have to see if you can use that for a retaining wall. If you can’t use them for a retaining wall then tires need to be removed. Tires can be put in shed
- Plastic Gas Can – in shed
- Pallets - on the side of the bus
- Table – cut up and burn
- Tires used for a retaining wall: anything over 4 feet needs a building permit anything over 10 feet needs an engineered design. In terms of being close to the waterfront of Lake Pleasant the Conservation Commission would not have any jurisdiction over 200 feet;15 Massasoit Street is further than that. Lake Pleasant is a back up water supply so Mike Brown would have to be consulted – Gina to do.
- Gas Grill parts – stored or disposed
- Coke Cola – Bring to Food City the Coke Company to pick up there
- Window – needs to be stored

Gina suggests that the board members go and view the residence. Gina will re-inspect on May 16, 2012 3PM unless otherwise contacted by Robert and Linda Spring.

- **Montague's new Public Health Nurse**

Due to the interest of time Carolyn Merriam, BSN, RN was dismissed by Jay DiPucchio.

- **Director's Report for March 2012**

Highlights:

- Greenfield Cross Road – have done a lot in response to Gina's report
- 3 Wolcott Street – The house is emptied of stuff and they will be moving back
- Quarantines
- 38 East Main Street – been in court 3 times with Rick Farrick and the Board of Health Department has collected re-inspection fees. David Jensen has been brought in to follow up with the permitting process.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Directors Report for March 2012. Seconded by, Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

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

EDS no written plan as of yet – Gina emailed Phoebe Walker and Tracy Rogers etc about the EDS plan. Tracy Rogers told Gina that Lindsey Britt is working on it and it will be done for the June BOH meeting. Nina Martin-Anzuoni is responsible for the drill part of the EDS plan. Apparently Greenfield got their plan months ago. Gina asked one of the FRCOG staff to come to the meeting with a box. "We" paid \$6,000 to the writer to do this EDS plan for 4 towns and it is still not done?

Jay requests a letter to Phoebe with Michael's signature with a firm statement about the EDS plan, process, and lack of results; we feel ill prepared to follow up with our YERPS. We are working with a plan that was written by volunteers in 2007. We are aware that work in Hampshire County has been done for everyone. Due to Michael Nelson's professional role it was decided that both Chris and Jay will sign the letter without Michael.

FRCOG – has 3 plastic shelves Nina wanted to know if we wanted them for the storage shed. Michael will pick them up for Montague storage shed.

Burial on private land - Someone wants to put a cemetery on their own land - plots for a husband and wife. Town of Shelburne has had some knowledge of this. This will be further discussed at the May 16, 2012 Board of Health meeting.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to adjourn meeting 6:57PM. Seconded by, Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____