

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room - Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Chair, Jay DiPucchio, Chris Boutwell, Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health

Michael Nelson opened Board of Health Meeting at 5:37 PM

- **Review Minutes: July 18, 2012 Minutes**

The July minutes, Chris Boutwell wanted to see a complete draft with all the changes along with Michael Nelson. Jay DiPucchio asked if Chris Boutwell would go along with the proposed changes yes was Chris' response. It was also noted that additional information was requested regarding the regulations; Gina sent that information from Mary Kersell and DJ Wilson to all the board members. After this was notated, Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health minutes for the month of July 2012 with the changes. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

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

- a. Highland School – call from resident that the water heater would be drained so hopefully that helps the situation in the complex.
- b. 23 Franklin Street – Things seem to be working themselves out over there.
- c. 12 G Street – 1st floor apartment had been condemned. The entire building is being refurbished and is looking great.
- d. Carolyn is out and about doing food inspections – Gina welcomes the help with the food inspections.
- e. 15 5th Street – The BOH has made this situation better.

- **Solarize Montague**

Guest: Sally Pick – Solarize Montague Coach

Montague earned the right to be called a Green Community and this allowed Montague to apply for a grant through The Clean Energy Center. Montague was awarded a grant to “Solarize Montague.” The benefit of Solarize Montague is that the cost can be kept down for 2 main reasons 1) volunteers in the community will be doing outreach and advertising and 2) attaining the solar power would be in bulk. Northeast Solar Design Associates are the chosen solar installer for Solarize Montague. There have been 150 individuals that have requested site visits and Northeast Solar has been out to around 80 interested residents. Sally went on to explain the pricing process. Northeast Solar will be taking over the lead for the next big meeting which is Solar 201 and presenting the process of exploring photovoltaic (PV), ownership options and costs. More information about the program can be found at www.solarizemass.com/Montague. This is a program for homeowners and businesses. The price goes down as more people sign up for solar. The Clean Energy Center set this up last year which is Solarize Massachusetts. The idea was that they would identify communities in which they could aggregate the purchase of solar. There are 5 different tiers where the rate drops at each level. This allows people with smaller systems to get pricing that would only typically be available from people installing 50, 100, 250 KW worth of power.

- **Animal Inspector Application Review**

Gina has had 4 applications for the Animal inspector from as far away as Winchester, NH, Whatley and 2 from the Montague Area.

- **Health Inspector**

Gina has been told that the pay and classification study is in the process and that she should hold off on trying to hiring a Health Inspector or firm up a job description at this point. Gina worked the job description out and it would be a Grade 7 Step 1. Carolyn Merriam is interested in the job when it posts, but might not be able to hold both the Nurse position and another Town job.

- **Continued Discussion on “Regulations of the Montague Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products and Tobacco Delivery System Products.” Votes may be taken.**

The Montague Board of Health members went over the regulations page by page with the following changes:

Page 1-4 – ok

Page 5 – Maximum number of tobacco permits issued in the Town of Montague. If a vendor is late on renewing their permit (July 1, 2013) they would be treated as a first time applicant. In other words, if the town had its maximum amount of tobacco permits issued, the late business would have to wait for a business to close, move out of town or become delinquent as well in order for a permit to open up. Chris Boutwell disagreed strongly with this and wants a grace period for vendors who miss the annual deadline.

Page 6 & 7 - ok

Page 8 – Change the implementation date to reflect that the “body” of the Tobacco Regulations will take place on September 1, 2012 and the Cigar Sales Regulations would be February 13, 2013. Chris Boutwell wanted to give a grace period of (30-45 days) from when the regulations are passed. This would allow for the vendors to sell down inventory and come into compliance with the new regulations. The legal notice also has to be put into the paper with a brief summary of the regulations. The Board of Health changed the date of compliance from September 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012.

Jay DiPucchio made a motion to accept the Tobacco Regulations with the change of the date of compliance from September 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012 for the bulk of the Tobacco Regulation; Cigar Sales Regulations compliance date of February 13, 2013. Seconded by, Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

Chris Boutwell did add that he would have like to see a grace period for the current vendors if they miss their renewal deadlines but would support the regulations.

Chris Boutwell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by, Jay DiPucchio. Motion passes

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____