

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, February 26, 2013 – 7:00 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

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

Michael Nelson opened the Board of Health Meeting at 7:01 PM

- Review January 16, 2013 Minutes:

Jay noted that it was the appointed not the reorganization of the Board of Health, changes made.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health minutes for the month of January 16, 2013 with the change of David Booska to Dennis Booska. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Director's Report for February 2013
 - a) 60 Central Street – order to correct issued
 - b) 304 Montague City Road – Gina received a lengthy letter from the occupant, this is ongoing issue. Lots of debris and clutter. Gina will be giving a very strict time line in which to come into compliance with her orders.
 - c) Dog feces – signage being produced and available for those who ask.
 - d) 26-28 Bridge Street – order to correct issued
 - e) 18 Central Street – seems quiet now – Michael Nelson took a look and it seems to be secure since it was condemned by the BOH.
 - f) 171 Avenue A call from David Gibson regarding the toilet leaking and the window not opening. Gina will be there Wednesday 27, 2013 at 10:00 AM
 - g) Carolyn and Gina are doing the 40 hours of foundation classes through the Local Public Health Institute at Boston University.
 - h) A stipend is given to the Director of Assessing, Barbara Miller, for IT duties. The Town Hall IT, Police Department, Libraries and WWTP all use different IT providers.
 - i) A discussion with Gina revealed that the court system strongly urges the Town to file civil cases instead of criminal show cause. Jay suggested that a place to begin looking into that would be at the Governor's council.
 - j) We are lucky to have David Dion as a constable – as service of civil summons would be \$60.00-\$100.00 through the Sheriff's Office.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health Director's report for the month of January 2013. Seconded by, Chris Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Nurses Report and Health Inspector Report
No report from Carolyn Merriam, R.N.
- Alexander Agapov – non payment of \$50.00 fee. Has been sent a notice and has not paid.
- Kathleen Thomas – non payment of \$150.00 fee. Kathleen Thomas is a no show on everything. She will be arraigned in court March 22, 2013 at 9:00 AM.
- Richard Young – non payment of \$100.00 fee. Richard Young paid fee this week.

Patty Dion has suggested the Treasurer/Collectors department could send out letters for non-payment of fees. She researched and found she could do a municipal lien as long as it was specific about what we want to attach a fine for and it has to be written into a regulation, bylaw or rule. Gina and Patty will work on the non-criminal disposition and it will appear on the Town Warrant. An appeal is usually going to the district court but they don't want to hear about these types of issues. Gina will check if the housing court will process these hearings for us. Jay suggested that the Finance Committee be aware of this and the process and time that it takes to prepare order and correct these issues. Gina will also work on support materials for continuing to have the part-time health inspector and how is it impacting the workload of the department.

- **Outdoor Wood Boiler/Hydronic Heater Moratorium**

Christopher Boutwell had a concern if we vacate the moratorium do we lose any part of the message we are trying to send to our neighbors. We have filed both the Montague and DEP's regulations for the Outdoor Wood Boilers/Hydronic Heater regulations. Jay DiPucchio brought up the fact that there has been a proposal for 5 waste to energy facilities across the commonwealth including one in Greenfield, Massachusetts under the new regulations.

Christopher Boutwell motioned that the Board of Health support the Outdoor Wood Boiler/Hydronic Heater Moratorium as presented; with the change of shall to may and he will want all Board members to receive a final copy at the March Board of Health meeting for review. Seconded by, Jay DiPucchio. Motion passes.

- **Workplace Tobacco Control Regulations**

The BOH members reviewed the final draft of the workplace tobacco control regulations. Discussion is ongoing on several issues listed below:

Town Owned Property

- **D 8** - Town owned playground, swimming areas and parks
- **D 11** - Add town owned property and rights of way. Add during town permitted events.

Workplace - Rod and Gun Clubs do not have employees they have volunteers. The wording of employee compensation and volunteers under this section will have to be addressed. Gina will ask DJ Wilson his opinion on this.

Private Clubs/Outside Smoking Areas– Chris B. said to be conscience of the establishments such as: St. Kaz, The Elks and St. Stan's regarding both the expense and accommodations they have made in the recent past to accommodate the BOH smoking regulations for their members.

Outside Dining Areas – the areas of restaurant businesses where food and beverages are served will become non-smoking environments. It could become a smoking area but no food and beverages would be allowed.

Should the BOH exclude the patio areas that are designated smoking areas from the new regulations?

- Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements

Christopher Boutwell motioned to adjourn the February Board of Health meeting. Seconded by, Jay DiPucchio. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____