

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2013 – 5:30 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 5:40 PM

- Review February 26, 2013 Minutes:

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health minutes for the month of February 26, 2013. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

- Director's Report for February 2013
 - a) 26-28 Bridge Street – 4 apartments are located above Element Brewery. The lighting and fire escape situations in the building need to be addressed. Gina McNeely and David Jensen visited the property together and will continue to monitor the building and the violations.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health Director's report for the month of February 2013. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

- Nurses Report and Health Inspector Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the months of January and February.

Jay DiPucchio motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health Inspector's report and Nurses' report for the months of January and February 2013. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

- Cliff Bowen – nonpayment of \$200.00.
 - a) Gina will be going to court to collect non-payment of fees.
- Update from Health Director regarding collections of outstanding fees.
 - a) Gina McNeely is working with Patty Dion to work up a warrant to be able to collect fees through the Treasurer/Collector's office.
- Discussion of BOH election/open seat in May
 - a) Think about bringing on a medical person for the board since Jay Dipucchio will be vacating the position. Michael Nelson has been researching and reviewing Town of Montague Street List and his professional contacts.
- Review of final draft of Workplace Tobacco Regulations.
 - a) Christopher Boutwell brought up the issue of smoking in the private clubs; how will that be dealt with in regards to the outside patio spaces.

- b) The BOH decided that if they are not serving or consuming beverages or food out in those areas then it would be ok to continue to smoke in the designated smoking areas.

Jay Dipucchio *motioned* to add the words private club after the word taverns in D(c)(3) and stricken from the regulations in #11. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell.

Christopher Boutwell leaves (5:50 PM)

- Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements
 - a) Dumpster Variance -
David Karkut – Arnie’s has closed and David Karkut owns the building. He no longer has access to a dumpster since Arnie’s business has closed. Since there are 4 families he is required to have a dumpster. Tom Bergeron – DPW needs to be notified of the dumpster variance. The property also looks like there might not be any room for the dumpster. The variance needs DPW approval so it will have to wait till next month.
 - b) Outdoor Wood Boiler Moratorium
Word change from shall to may – signatures needed for the Outdoor Wood Boiler Moratorium.
 - c) Gina McNeely is asking the Finance Committee to increase Carolyn Merriam’s hours by 8 hours per week.
 - d) Gina McNeely will apply for a 2013 Local Health Mini-Grant for \$500.00.

Michael Nelson motioned to allow Gina McNeely to apply for the 2013 Local Health Mini-Grant. The request for the grant would be for equipment. Seconded by, Jay Dipucchio. Motion passes.

Jay Dipucchio motioned to adjourn the March Board of Health meeting. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned: 6:05 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____