

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Chair, Albert (Al) Cummings, Christopher Boutwell, Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health.

Michael Nelson opened the Board of Health Meeting at 5:31 PM

Michael Nelson welcomed Al Cummings to the Board of Health and thanked Jay DiPucchio for his 9 years of service to the Montague Board of Health.

- Review May 15, 2013 Minutes:

Christopher Boutwell motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2013. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Al Cummings abstained. Motion passes.

- Director's Report for May 2013
 - a) Perc Tests witnessed were 90% repairs
 - b) Pipione's owner has applied for a building permit to correct the open foundation on his property. Rick Assman (Alternate Building Inspector) will act as the Building Inspector on this because David Jensen an abutter.
 - c) 87 East Taylor Hill Road – A badly designed on site waste water treatment system plan that led to plan review fee of \$150.00 collected.
 - d) Simon Alciere of Simon Stamps has remediated the noise issue that drew complaints from the neighborhood over the canal. Simon undertook this project and the expense in good faith due to the fact he is in a light industrial zoned area and within the decibel level for the area
 - e) Compiled 349 pages of records due to a public records request from a law firm.
 - f) Lemonade Cart – new vendor

Christopher Boutwell motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health Director's report for the month of May 2013. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. Al Cummings abstained. Motion passes.

- Nurse's Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of May.
 - a) Gina forgot to include in the packet – tabled till July BOH meeting.
- Health Inspector Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of April.
 - a) Gina forgot to include in the packet – tabled till July BOH meeting
- Discuss fee waiver for Judy Maloney DBA "The Scoop Shack" for Dog Park Days.

Judy Maloney owns mobile food unit and vends at many of our town events. Ms. Maloney is requesting a fee waiver to sell coffee and prepackaged muffins and pastry at the dog park on Saturdays though October 1st.

Al Cummings motioned to grant a fee waiver for the Dog Park Days which will be held Saturday mornings July-October 2013 after an initial fee of \$40.00 is paid by Judy Maloney DBA "The Scoop Shack". Seconded by, Chris Boutwell. Motion passes. Amendment by Michael Nelson that if Judy expands her Dog Park Days she needs to come back to the Montague BOH for consideration. Al Cummings motioned to accept the amendment put forth by Michael Nelson. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Michael Nelson abstained due to Judy Maloney being a Pumpkinfest vendor. Motion passes.

- Reorganization of the Board

Due to the seat vacated by Jay Dipucchio the reorganization of the Board is needed.

Christopher Boutwell motioned to have Michael Nelson remain as Chair, Christopher Boutwell as Secretary and Albert Cummings as member. Seconded by, Al Cummings. Motion passes.

- Request signature self inking stamps from Simon Stamps. Board members to go down to the business to provide signatures.

Al Cummings motioned to obtain new signature stamps from Simon Stamps. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Appoint Carolyn Merriam 20 hour/week Health Inspector. This is a follow up from the Town Meeting.

Al Cummings motioned to appoint Carolyn Merriam 20 hour/week part time benefitted position as Health Inspector. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Michael Nelson motioned to authorize Gina McNeely the Director of Public Health to discuss epi-pen training for the Kuzmescus bus drivers with the Montague Town Nurse. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Topics not anticipated within the 48 hour posting period
 - a) Carolyn Merriam got an email on June 18, 2013 from Debbie Nicoli at Kuzmescus Bus Lines requesting that Town Nurse, Carolyn Merriam, give epi-pen training to all the bus drivers due to the school nurse's contract dispute and their subsequent unwillingness to conduct extra work.
 - b) Michael Nelson has brought to the attention of the Montague Board of Health that there is a lack of hot water in the Montague Town Hall. Michael Nelson will send a letter to Frank Abbondanzio and copy the Town Capital Improvements Committee and DPW.
 - c) Michael Nelson has been concentrating on blighted buildings in town that need to be addressed due to their condition and impact on the neighborhoods.

These include vacant, blighted privately owned properties as well as some Town owned buildings. Gina McNeely has discussed with Michael Nelson the process necessary to put some of the buildings into receivership. This process will be extremely time consuming for Gina and will require her to work with the Attorneys General Office and bring cases to housing court. Gina explained that receivership involves the local board of health proving to the housing court and the AGO's office that the current property owner refuses or is incapable of maintaining their

property in the intended manner. The ultimate goal is to have the housing court appoint a receiver who will repair the property to a functional condition. The first step is to get the Attorneys General on board to work with the Montague BOH, then Gina or Carolyn will conduct site visits and issue orders to correct. If the orders are ignored Gina petitions the Attorneys General Office to become involved.

Michael Nelson motioned to authorize Gina McNeely the Director of Public Health to pursue the following properties with the Attorneys General Office and begin the process of receivership with the following blighted buildings: 110 L Street, 132 L Street, 69 Fifth Street, 104 3rd Street, 108 3rd Street, 73 Fifth Street and 75 Fifth Street. This motion was amended by Christopher Boutwell to remove 108 3rd Street from the list above at this time. Seconded by, Al Cummings. Motion passes.

Al Cummings motioned to close Board of Health Meeting. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned: 6:38 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____