

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, December 18, 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 5:45 PM

Review November 20, 2013 Minutes:

Al Cummings motioned to accept the Montague Board of Health minutes for the meeting of November 20, 2013. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Director's Report October and November 2013

- a) 15 5th Street has been time consuming for Gina regarding alleged unsanitary conditions at the local rooming house.
- b) Septic Systems a lot of repairs due to real-estate sales
 - a. Mormon Hollow Road
- c) 69 5th Street which is under receivership and currently being repaired after conversations with the lawyer and the Attorney General's Office.
- d) 110 L Street Paul Giard has filed for bankruptcy and the Attorney General's Office is involved in this.
- e) 132 L Street nothing has been done at this location to date.
- f) 104 3rd Street has sold and the new owners are in the process of repairing the property.
- g) Second Street property needs to be fixed up it has been boarded and secured.
- h) 37 North Leverett Road where there are 3 duplexes that are currently all for sale.
- i) 121 Turners Falls Road is in disrepair and Gina and David are working with them.
- j) 175 Avenue A #12 - there has been an order of eviction place at this property which will be vacated at the end of the month.
- k) 16 Bridge Street – Daniel Cutler is going to open a café /bakery in the space.
- l) Met with an individual who wants to open a tattoo parlor in town. The Montague BOH regulations require that you take an 8 credit Anatomy and Physiology class to before opening a body art (which includes piercing) store front. There is a comprehensive class in Quincy, MA that might be good to have the individual attend as it focuses on the skin.
- m) A Soup Restaurant opened by Thomas Ratti in the Great Falls Harvest Space during lunch time.

Al Cummings motioned to accept the Director's Report for the month of October 2013. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Christopher Boutwell motioned to accept the Director's Report for the month of November 2013. Seconded by, Al Cummings. Motion passes.

Nurse's Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of November 2013

- a) Still involved with an active TB case.
- b) Flu Clinics went well – 73 shots in November.

Al Cummings motioned to accept the Nurse's Report for the month of November 2013. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Health Inspector Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of November 2013

- a) Food inspections are being done.
- b) 2 Ninth Avenue, Lake Pleasant Street – nuisance complaint
- c) 32 High Street, Turners Falls show cause hearing has been filed with the court.

Al Cummings motioned to accept the Health Inspector's Report for the month November 2013. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Dumpster variance request for 127 4th Street by Jim Elwell
 - This house is on the corner of 4th and L and due to the fact that there are 3 or more families living there he needs a dumpster. He has been taking care of the trash over the years he has owned the property. He owns other properties and can dispose of trash there and owns his own business in Greenfield.

Christopher Boutwell motioned to approve a variance request for 127 4th Street/Jim Elwell with a minimum pick up of once a week or sooner if necessary. The condition is that the barrels have tight fitting lids and that he provides the BOH with the address of the other properties/locations that he will be using to dispose of the trash. The BOH has the right at any time if these conditions are not met to revoke the variance for 127 4th Street. Seconded by, Al Cummings. Motion passes.

- Hearing: Michael John suspension or revocation of onsite waste water treatment systems in Montague
 - This is tabled till January 15, 2014.
- Review of Town Smoking Regulations.
 - After speaking to Town Counsel the BOH would like to make a slight wording change in the regulations from the wording of “shall” to “may” in Section L Violations under subsections b and c.

Al Cummings motioned to accept the slight wording change from “shall” to “may” in the Town Smoking Regulations in Section L Violations under subsections b and c. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Al Cummings motioned that the change to the Town Smoking Regulations are effective immediately. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Update on hot water issues at the Town Hall
 - A letter was given to Greg Garrison and the Capital Improvement Committee letting them know about the issues in the Town Hall.

- Michael Nelson will send a reminder to Greg Garrison regarding the hot water issues at the Town Hall need to be put on the agenda.
- Body Art Regulations correction of omission in original regulation.
 - There is a portion of the regulation located in Section 5B under restrictions that states that piercing of the genitalia is permitted to individuals that are under the age of 18 accompanied by a parent, legal guardian with identifying paperwork. This will be corrected immediately to say that you will have to be over the age of 18 along with other language provided by the State licensing board.

Al Cummings motioned that the change to the Town Body Art Regulations located in Section 5 B under restrictions be stricken from the regulations and replaced with new language provided.

Christopher Boutwell motioned that these Regulations are effective immediately. Seconded by, Al Cummings. Motion passes.

- Approve BOH Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2014.
 - Discussion was held regarding the fact that both Michael and Christopher have commitments to the Selectman Meetings and the Board of Health Meetings.

Al Cummings motioned to approve the 2014 Board of Health calendar as presented. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____