

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH

May 20, 2015 – 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 R.S., CHO

Guests: Kathern Pierce and Frank Abbondanzio

Michael Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Review May 6, 2015 Minutes:

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the minutes May 6, 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

*Al Cummings **motioned** to amend the motion to accept the minutes May 6, 2015 with a sentence prior to Carroll's hearing that Christopher Boutwell left the room. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Director's Report for March and April 2015

- a) 18 Central Street – Christopher Boutwell heard that there is a person interested in the land but not the building.
- b) 36 Green Pond Road – Fay Snay – a double wide mobile home. Maybe we can speak to Frank about demolishing the building.
- c) 7 Federal St is a duplex on Rte 63 that it is in foreclosure process with the addition of the plumbing to be fixed.
- d) Michael John – 87 East Chestnut Hill Road –Gina had to give a disposition time for 2 ½ hours.
- e) Review of well water reports and letters written to owners of wells not meeting Montague Board of Health Well Water Regulations.
- f) Alpha sprouts can be very dangerous (salmonella) Gina called DPH to get some information on how they should be handled.
- g) 29 Avenue A major problems with Ted Burrell's building.
- h) Upgrade well water regulations – Gina in conversation with DPH about what needs to be upgraded.
- i) Upgrade of Gina's computer from MAPHCO (\$1400 in budget)

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Director's report for March 2015. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the Director's report for April 1, 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Health Inspector's Report for April 2015

- a) 10 Sunset Drive
- b) Carroll's Market – Gina inspected the meat counter, it looked a lot better
- c) Vendors for the parade thought they could tie into Newt Guilbault for electricity. Vendors were not as happy about the situation for the Spring Parade and the Bistro was at the high school but did not do well financial up there.

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Inspector's report for April 2015. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.**

Nurse Report for April 2015

Not available at this time

Request for a reduced permit fee for the Franklin County Radio Control Club – Patrick Healy.

The club is not a non-profit but is asking for a reduction in the fee due to the fact that they are a small club working with the food bank and working with the schools.

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to give a reduction of 50 % of the fee for the Temporary Food Permit fee to \$20.00 for the Franklin County Radio Control Club for this year and will re-evaluate it in the future. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.**

Discussion of need for burial agent stipend since electronic system now in place.

The state system has now gone electronically the burial agent stipend has always been to compensate the burial agent for coming in on weekends or holidays to issue burial permits. This is no longer the case at all. Funeral agents can print their own permits on holidays and weekends and those will be verified by the town clerk's office when the office is open. The stipend of \$670.00 is now going to go back into the BOH budget.

Review of Legal Budget for Receivership with Town Administrator, Frank Abbondanzio.

At the January 2015 Town Meeting the Board of Health was told it could use some of the \$22,000 in the legal fund budget to pursue properties that did not meet the AGO receivership guidelines. As of March 2015 the budget has only \$11,000 left. The Board of Health has used about \$18,000 of the budget. It is money that is well spent; however Frank would like to see if we can hold off for the remainder of the fiscal year so that we do not have to ask for more money. Gina McNeely gave a recap of what projects are currently in the works for the BOH:

1. Rick Farrick - 38 East Main Street this is an occupied multifamily so would not be eligible for the AGO receivership services WHICH ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE TOWN. The Board of Health with Frank's permission pursued Rick Farrick with legal services provided by Kopelman and Page. Great progress has been made at 38 East Main St.
2. Danny Chow - 108 Avenue A is also occupied and therefore Kopelman and Page is handling the legal work for the town. Frank does not want the projects to stall but asked for back up if more money will have to be transferred. An insurance company (Gyphon Group) is involved and might take the building as they do not want to see the property deteriorate any further.
3. The Phillips and Trask (7 Federal St) property is all set for the moment and Gina doesn't see any more money being spent on these properties.
4. J Street is under the District Attorney's purview and there will not be any money spent there as they will handle it from here. Also, the owner is working on the project himself and seems to be making progress.

5. 110 and 132 L Street properties – under the receivership program FREE of CHARGE.
6. 104 3rd Street – threat of receivership caused owner to fix and rent the first floor apartment and he is now working on the second floor apartment.
7. 3 Norman Circle – Not sure what can be done with this property. It is boarded and secured and the owners are alive.
8. 29 Avenue A – This property is blight on downtown Turners and we will need Kopelman and Page to get this property fixed because the owner is very hard to deal with.

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:17 PM. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:17 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____