

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room  
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Michael Nelson, Temporary Chair, Christopher Boutwell

**Absent:** Al Cummings, Gina McNeely

**Guests:** Pamela Kowalski, David Jensen, Inspector of Buildings (5:50- 6:03 PM) PM, Ariel Elan

*Christopher Boutwell appointed Michael Nelson Acting Chair for the present meeting due to the absence of Al Cummings. Michael Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:34PM*

### **Review April 27, 2016 Minutes:**

*Table due to Al Cummings being absent and Michael Nelson was not in attendance on that date.*

### **Director's Report for March 2016 and April 2016:**

*Director's Reports tabled*

### **Health Inspector's Report for April 2016:**

- See complete report

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Health Inspector's report for April 2016. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

**Hearing:** Pamela (Pam) Kowalski, 4 K Street, Turners Falls, MA

**Guests:** Pamela (Pam) Kowalski, David Jensen – Inspector of Buildings

Pam Kowalski stated the following: When she first moved into 4 K Street there were dots on the walls and ceilings; apparent mold that the landlord (Mrs. Reed) did not acknowledge.

Pamela presented documentation of past tenancy and inspection reports from FCHA. There were also previous rodent issues at this location. The apartment according to Pam Kowalski had many issues both in the conditions of the apartment along with the non-functioning of appliances, heating system with lack of permits being pulled from the Montague Building Department. Pamela is in the process of vacating the property at 4 K Street and currently living in Greenfield.

David Jensen joined the conversation but is not well informed about the property but reviewed documentation that has been presented by Pamela and asked questions regarding the current living situation along with noting the Doctor's, Veterinarian's and Gina's documentation regarding the allegations and the living conditions at the apartment.

Pamela Kowalski alleges mold spores are in her apartment, in her body and her pets' body and that mold is located in her apartment which has contributed to her overall poor health which has now led her to be disabled.

Her first request was with Gina at the BOH to test the air quality in her apartment. A response letter to Ms. Kowalski's doctor from Gina suggested Ms. Kowalski's living conditions were also contributing to her overall poor health as well as other factors that are not within the BOH purview.

Michael Nelson stated based on the information on hand everything is now up to code and that the Montague BOH has nothing else to address at this location. At this point Ms. Kowalski should address the new living conditions with the Greenfield BOH as well as the FCHA with any concerns.

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to adjourn at 6:16 PM Seconded by, Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:16 PM

**Topics Not Anticipated:**

- Reorganization of BOH.  
Given the fact that the Chair Al Cummings is absent for tonight's meeting this topic will be put on the June BOH agenda and discussed then.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**List of documents used at this meeting:**

April 27, 2016 minutes  
Inspector's Report – April 2016  
4 K Street File