

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 29, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Montague Fire Station
28 Old Sunderland Road
Montague Center, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Chair, Christopher Boutwell

Absent: Michael Nelson

Staff: Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health

Discussion: To see if the Montague Board of Health will give Gina McNeely permission to bring a letter of interest to the Montague Select board so that our community send a nonbinding letter of interest to perhaps join the newly formed Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.

Gina McNeely presented the letter that was sent to towns in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties asking local Boards of Health to consider joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. Gina is before the Montague Board of Health tonight to get the permission to bring a letter of interest to the Montague Board of Selectmen for their signature.

The letter of interest is non-binding and there is no monetary commitment at this time. However, it is a promise to put on the annual Montague Town Meeting agenda, a question for the voters asking them if they would like to become a member of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District for a three (3) year term pursuant to MGL 252 Section 5A and other applicable sections of said law or to take any action relative there to.

Timeline for Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District:

- January 12, 2018 – Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District received a \$150,000 start up grant
- January 22, 2018 – Montague Board of Health received a letter asking to have a signed letter of interest to be postmarked on or before January 31, 2018 if they wanted to consider joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.
- January 29, 2018 – At a regularly scheduled Montague Select Board meeting Gina will presented a letter of interest agreed upon by the BOH.
- March 2018 – Before joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Montague will receive a list of the expenses. It is known that all the administrative and maintenance costs could run between \$4,500 and \$7,500 or up to as high as \$10,000 dollars depending on the number of towns that join the district.
- The goal is to be able to present a price list in the spring to the Town(s) for a final decision. There is the possibility of signing up later on with an additional fee that might be associated with it at that time.

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to give Gina McNeely, Director of Public Health the permission to bring a letter of interest to the Montague Board of Selectmen for their signature to consider joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.**

Al Cummings **motioned** to adjourn at 6:39PM. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned: 6:39 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

List of documents used at this meeting:

