

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 5:30 pm

Montague Town Hall
First Floor Meeting Room
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Chair, Christopher Boutwell, Michael Nelson

Staff: Gina McNeely, Health Director and Anne Stuart, Health Clerk

Guest: John Laprade

Minutes from June 20, 2018:

- Tabled until the August meeting.

Director's Report for June 2018:

Gina McNeely: Updated the Board on some highlights regarding the May 2018 Director's Report:

- Gina and Karen from the Building Department had a long conversation regarding 9 T Street and the request that came before the Zoning Board of Appeals from Kevin O'Rourke for a Special Permit pursuant to Section 5.1.4, for alteration of a non-conforming building and finding pursuant to Section 6 of the Zoning Act (MGL Chapter 40A) regarding the existing non-conforming setbacks at this location.
The issue is that 9 T Street had a complaint regarding lack of access to an empty dumpster behind that property. The complaint regarding 9 T Street led Gina and Karen to inspect the property and look at the current setbacks and proximity to the building seeing that the issue will be resolved.
- The corrections to 20 G Street – Apartment #2 and the building itself have been slow and the landlords (David Collings and Michelle Putnam Collings) continue to have 'reasons' for the work not getting done. Gina continues to work on achieving compliance at this location and believes that 20.5 G Street an abandoned property also owned by the Collings and located behind 20 G St would be a good property for the Attorney General's receivership program.
- There is a growing interest in "micropigmentation" aka "microblading"; which is a body art procedure in which micro cuts are made to a person's skin into which ink is placed to simulate make up such as eyebrows and eyeliner the procedure is semi-permanent. Gina will work on drafting up an addendum to our Body Art regulations including a moratorium on such a procedure.
- The Council of Aging is trying to provide its patrons with fresh fruits and vegetables by having the Western Massachusetts Food Bank food truck visit the Senior Center once a month.
- The conversations continue with Jean Conway as she moves forward in developing her building lot on Swamp Road (Map 44 Lot 20) which is a 5.1 acre lot with wetland and other limitations. The potable well was drilled in June and progress will continue from afar as Jean currently lives in Oregon and is managing the project from there.

- Gina McNeely inspected the sewage catch basin located on property owned by Joan and Arthur Felton at 18 Crescent Street. Jason (Jay) Watroba accompanied Gina since the catch basin serves Jason (Jay) Watroba's house by a legal easement established in 1956. Jay promises to replace the current wooden cover with a cement cover and to use rope tar to seal the new cover.

*Michael Nelson motioned to accept the June 2018 Director's Report. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Health Inspector's Report for June 2018:

Gina McNeely: Updated the Board of some highlights regarding the May 2018 Health Inspector's Report:

- Dan Hunt is proposing to open a food establishment called 'The Whistle Stop Cafe'. Dan has been in several times inquiring about the process for opening a new establishment in Millers Falls, MA. He has been provided hard copies and links to the Board of Health website to familiarize themselves with opening a new restaurant.
- Mutton and Mead had 18 food vendors and both Al Cummings and Kathern Pierce inspected them without any concerns.

There was some discussion regarding the property located behind Aubuchon Hardware at 78 J Street and 22 West Main Street being possibilities for the Attorney General's receivership program.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the June 2018 Health Inspector's Report. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Variance Request: John Laprade & Barbara Folan request to conduct a perc test and soil evaluation for new construction out of season. The parcel is located at Fosters Rd/Old Sunderland Rd and is identified by the Montague Assessors as Map 51 Lot 6. It is a newly divided parcel from 158 Old Sunderland Road.

Guest: John Laprade

- Earlier in the year (March 2018) John Laprade had septic system work completed for 4 building lots on land located at Fosters Rd/Old Sunderland Rd which is identified as Map 51 Lot 6 by the Montague Assessors. Since March Mr. Laprade has given some consideration to siting his proposed house in a different location than the previously evaluated sites. Therefore John would like to request to have another perc test and soil evaluation done closer to where he is now thinking of siting the house.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the variance request for a perc test and soil evaluation out of season for John Laprade and Barbara Folan. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Discussion: Regarding septic system located at 4 Burek Drive Montague, MA.

- Gina filled the Board of Health members in on a conversation she had with John and Kathy Burek of 4 Burek Drive regarding their septic system which is currently in failure. There is currently a land dispute that is allegedly holding up the process of the soil absorption portion of the septic system being replaced. The location of the

Burek's soil absorption system is on a parcel that is jointly owned by John and Kathleen Burek and Carol Leh.

The discussion will continue with the Burek's at the August Board of Health Meeting.

Reorganization: Montague Board of Health.

- After a brief discussion it was decided to keep the current positions as follows: Al Cummings – Chair, Christopher Boutwell – Secretary and Michael Nelson – Member.

Chris Boutwell motioned to appoint Al Cummings as Chair of the Montague Board of Health. Seconded by Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

Michael Nelson motioned to appoint Christopher Boutwell as Secretary of the Montague Board of Health. Seconded by Al Cummings. Motion passes.

Appointments:

- Gina McNeely Health Director and Alternate Barn & Animal Inspector.

Michael Nelson motioned to appoint Gina McNeely as Health Director for the Montague Board of Health and Alternate Barn and Animal Inspector. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

- Kathleen Burek Barn & Animal Inspector.

Christopher Boutwell motioned to appoint Kathleen Burek as Montague Barn and Animal Inspector. Seconded by Michael Nelson. Motion passes.

Michael Nelson motioned to adjourn the Montague Board of Health meeting at 6:23 PM. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned: 6:23 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

List of documents used at this meeting:

June 2018 Health Director's Report
June 2018 Health Inspector's Report
4 Burek Drive File