

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 6:00 pm
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Chair, Christopher Boutwell and Michael Nelson
Staff: Gina McNeely, Health Director, Anne Stuart, Health Clerk

Meeting being recorded.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Minutes: April 17, 2019.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the March 2019 Minutes. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Director's Report: April 2019:

- Gina recently did an inspection at the Turners Falls High School pool with Jeff Sak. Jeff had the pool drained for the first time in many years so that the drain covers and the pool itself could be manually checked. Gina did the inspection and found the pool to be in very good shape.
- The area of Title 5 inspections continues to be busy with both new and repair systems including 421 Federal Street where Gina has spoken with Jim Senn on the installation and is awaiting the septic plan from the designer.
- Debbie Hunt, Francis Neilson's sister was in to the office to touch base regarding her brothers well-being as the BOH office has gotten many calls from him (Francis) regarding his living situation and what he is allowed to do and is being told to do. Debbie is in the area during the summer time but lives down south during the winter and will be trying to help him get a handle on the trash at his residence. Given that Mr. Neilson is a very compliant person, Gina offered to write a note stating that her letter to comply supersedes all other orders he might have gotten and he may indeed put out the trash and get a dumpster if needed.
- Eric Reed was in to the office again regarding opening a tattoo shop (Home Grown Art) in Millers Falls. He dropped off an updated floor plan for the shop which will be located at 30 Bridge Street in Millers Falls. Gina reviewed the floor plan and application and has issued a permit to Eric on May 5, 2019 to open his business.
- 19 Sherman Drive continues to receive complaints regarding the conditions of the yard with all the debris, scrap metal. The property is currently being used for the collection, dismantling and sale of scrap metal. This type of business use is not permitted in the Neighborhood Business district and is violation of Section 5.2.10 (a) of the Town of Montague Zoning Bylaw. The Town will be going to housing court on this issue soon and will await information from Judge Fields.
- 12 Federal Street continues to receive complaints from neighbors as David Williams continues to operate a chop shop and car repair business at this location. At court, The Town asked the Judge for a contempt of court determination with lawyer's fees, and a \$500/day fine, and future fines (for enforcement teeth). The Judge emphasized the current

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court order (mediation) is still in force. Court was ended and the Judge was going to mull things over before as final determination. David chimed in that he can't support his family on the \$680/mo SS Disability now that he shut down the scrapping business.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Director's report from April 2019. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Other Discussions:

- The Montague Police Department has formed a Safety Committee with the intent of having a position created to handle a wide range of issues including blood borne pathogens, Hep B shots which should be the duties of a Town Nurse if we could get one!
- 10 Swamp Road wants to do a detached accessory apartment but before they do, pursuant to 310 CMR 15.223(b) in order to get a building permit they will have to submit an application for a Disposal Works Construction Permit and engineered, stamped plans, depicting the installation of a new 1500 gallon septic tank in front of the existing tank and existing distribution box. The stamped design plan shall also be in accordance to 310 CMR 15.224 for multiple compartment tanks or 310 CMR 15.225 for tanks in a series.
- There will be an open house on June 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM to welcome our new Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the Montague Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Christopher Rice. **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:25 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

April Minutes

Director's Report April

10 Swamp Road Letter – Septic System