

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 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, Daniel Wasiuk, Incoming Health Director & Anne Stuart, Health Clerk

Meeting being recorded.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

**Minutes:** May 15, 2019.

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

**Director's Report:** May & Early June 2019:

- 201 Millers Falls Road: Susan Cousineau, owner once again has her yard filled with trash bags littering her driveway. The BOH sites her every year and she never learns to up keep her property. Al Cummings, BOH Chair accompanied me to hand deliver an order to correct to Susan Cousineau.
- 19 Sherman Drive: There have been several inspections at this location which has landed the property owner in housing court due to the fact he is running an illegal scrap business out of his home. There will be another court hearing on June 21, 2019.
- Norm Emond, owner of the Gun Rack on the avenue called with an update that he is getting his façade fixed but needs an extension due to the hiring of a company to rid the building of squirrels that are gnawing on the façade of the building.
- 177 Meadow Road: There has been septic work done at this location and the new septic system was installed by L & F Construction and inspected by Gina McNeely and Kathie Bridges.
- 431 Greenfield Road: several calls were received by Brian Errante, the builder attempting to get the BOH to push through a septic plan submitted to us. This is an unusual situation where the contractor is going around the designers back to move the project along.
- 112 Avenue A: Hank Silver the contractor at this location has been in to discuss the potential restaurant going in at this location. Daniel has spoken to Hank as well about what is expected for the restaurant and in particular the dishwashing facilities.
- 268 Montague City Road: There currently is an Airbnb at this location and the current owner called us to state that she provides a private entrance, a kitchenette, and full bath and wanted to know what the future tax implications might be for an Airbnb.

- 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.
- J Street (behind food city) work is being done at this location and the focus in the future of a possible receivership property.
- 97 Second Street is currently owned by the bank and has a new roof. The bank wants to finish the foreclosure process before this property could be a candidate for receivership.
- 12 Federal Street has fences going up between neighbors and an administrative search warrant for the cars and the apparent “chop shop” that is happening at this location.

Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Director’s report from May & Early June 2019. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

**Discussion regarding the Health Inspector Position:**

- The Board members had discussions surrounding the best way to recruit and secure a full time Health Inspector for the Board of Health. After discussions it was decided that the best course of action is to do a formal request for a 35 hour a week funded position. Daniel Wasiuk, Health Director will write up a formal request to be submitted to the Finance Committee with the Board’s approval.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to recommend that Daniel Wasiuk write up a formal request to be submitted to the Finance Committee regarding a 35 hour a week Health Inspector position. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:15 PM

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

**Documents:**

May Minutes  
 Director’s Report May & Early June 2019