

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – 5:30 pm  
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall  
Turners Falls, MA

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Al Cummings, Christopher Boutwell and Michael Nelson  
**Staff:** Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk and Health Clerk, Anne Stuart

Meeting being recorded.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:40 PM.

**Minutes:** October 16, 2019.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the October 16, 2019 Minutes. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

### **Recent Director's Report:**

- An update was given by Daniel regarding 94 Turnpike Road - There was a complaint from the Montague Police Department regarding gross-unsanitary conditions/hoarding which prompted a joint inspection by the Building Department, Board of Health and DPW. It was confirmed that there was severe hoarding with a large accumulation of trash, rubbish, along with structural issues and extreme amount of filth. The property is in court for non-payment of taxes and has been secured.
- The Great Falls Festival - Another successful year with accolades given to Anne Stuart, Board of Health Clerk, Al Cummings Board of Health Chair and Chris Boutwell, Secretary for their help with the permit processing, public outreach and inspectional efforts for the festival. There were no complaints of insanitary conditions, improper food handling and or possible incidence of food poisoning associated with the festival have been reported or witnessed.
- 544 Turners Falls Road – There was a Disposal System Construction Permit submitted and approved for a new septic system at this location. There is a pending possible sale of the property and the new owners have some thoughts of doing organic farming at this location in the future if all goes well.

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

### **Discussion: Fee Schedule (Variances & Others):**

- Discussions continue regarding streamlining and tightening up of the fees and the categories to be in alignment with the State Food Service and Retail Food codes. It was discussed that:
  - Bakery Permits should be Food Service; so remove bakery from fee listing
  - Frozen Dessert should be Food Service; so remove frozen dessert from fee listing

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- Remove Abrasive Blasting from the fee listing
- That a Bed and Breakfast consisting of 6 bedrooms or less and owner occupied and just serving breakfast will not need an inspection or permit from the Board of Health.
- Non-Profit should we do free or continue a reduced fee for Temporary Food? What about Food Establishments
- Bake Sale – no permit will be needed

**Discussion: Regulation for Fats, oils and Grease (FOG):**

- There was a discussion to share the draft regulations of FOG with the Board of Health members, WWTP Superintendent and Plumbing Inspector for their comments. It was also suggested that they should be given the opportunity to attend the December Board of Health meeting for further discussion, a hearing and hopefully a vote. Daniel and Anne also suggested that this would be a nice topic for the Montague Board of Health to highlight in the Montague Reporter going forward. Anne will submit a legal ad to the Montague Reporter, send an email to the interested parties and add it to the December Board of Health agenda.

**Discussion: Dog Bites (Policies):**

- The consensus is that the Selectboard is the one to hold hearings but further discussion will be tabled till the December BOH meeting

**Discussion: Being prepared and sufficiently equipped for the unexpected:**

- Daniel gave a brief overview of how in adequately prepared the Board of Health was in dealing with the Turnpike Road situation along with others duties. Daniel asked the Board for an allotment of funds (\$500) per year to be spent on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to grant the amount of \$500 dollars annually for Personal Protective Equipment. 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: 6:22 PM

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

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

**Documents:**

October Minutes

Director's Report

Draft Fats, Oils and Grease Regulations