

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 5:15 pm
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Special Meeting Minutes

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

Discussion of FY20 budget needs:

There was discussion surrounding the Montague Board of Health and the needs both in staffing and funding the department going forward. After a lot of back and forth and sharing of different scenarios the Board decided it was satisfied with this year's (FY 20) budget and will ask the Montague Finance Committee to keep the Board of Health level funded for FY19.

Discussion of FY20:

- Full Time Director, Gina McNeely
- 25 Hour per week Health Inspector to be hired as soon as possible
- ½ time Board of Health Clerk, Anne Stuart
- New Health Director in April to shadow Gina for 3 months
- Public Health Nurse FY20 stays at \$4000.00

After the new Health Director is brought on board, at the Finance Committee's suggestion the Board of Health members along with the new Director will see how they view the needs of the department going forward and come before Finance Committee for the FY21 budget.

Discussion of FY21 needs:

- Full Time Director Of Public Health
- Increase 25 Hour Inspector to Full-time
- ½ time Board of Health Clerk, Anne Stuart
- Increase the Public Health Nurse line item to \$10,000 and try to collaborate with surrounding towns for a shared full-time Public Health Nurse.

*Al Cummings **Motioned** to keep the budget level funded and come back in front of the Finance Committee once the new Health Director is on board. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

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

Meeting adjourned: 5:55 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

Copy of FY20 Board of Health Budget

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