

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Christopher Boutwell (remote participation), Michael Nelson with Dylan (remote participation) and Cheryl Volpe, Public Health Nurse (remote participation)

Staff: Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk and Health Clerk, Anne Stuart

Meeting being recorded.

Meeting offered through zoom.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Minutes: June 17, 2020.

Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the June 17, 2020 Minutes. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Roll Call Vote: Christopher Boutwell – aye, Michael Nelson – aye, Al Cummings - aye

July 2020 Director's Report:

- 19 Sherman drive – it has been quiet over the last month or so with this. Christopher Rice gave an order to cease and desist having a business at this location. There is still a court order in place.
- Farmers Market – has been inspected a few times to be able to catch the various vendors. This year the \$50.00 fee has been waived for the participants.
- The food establishments are slowly reopening but the majority of them still remain closed due to the current situation.
- Parks and Recreation continue to do a good job at reopening the skate park, the basketball courts and the ball fields.
- Tag Sales are still allowed in Montague at this point and there have been no phone calls regarding any issues. Anne did contact the Greenfield Recorder to let Suzanne Hunter know that taking “ads” for tag sales are ok at this time.

Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Director's reports for July as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson **Motion passes.**

Roll Call Vote: Christopher Boutwell – aye, Michael Nelson – aye, Al Cummings - aye

Reappoint Director of Public Health, Daniel Wasiuk for July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

- The members unanimously agreed to re-appoint Daniel Wasiuk as Director of Public Health.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to reappointed Daniel Wasiuk as Public Health Director for the Town of Montague. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

Roll Call Vote: Michael Nelson – aye, Christopher Boutwell – aye, Al Cummings - aye

The Town of Montague is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

June-July Nurse's Report:

The board reviewed the nurse report over the zoom meeting noting that we are holding at 55 confirmed INFLUENZA cases (34 adults and 21 children). 29 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with contact tracing being done on 24 persons. 1 person under the age of 18 has been diagnosed with Shiga toxin which is very unusual. Cheryl asked the board members if they needed any clarification of the verbiage regarding reportable diseases classification. (hard copy given to members). No clarification was needed by the board members regarding the classifications.

Dr. Patricia Iverson has been secured as the Medical Director for Montague, MA. We have influenza orders (70 doses) through Sanofi Pasteur and can expect them to be here at the end of September beginning of October. It is also possible and we have had some inquires through Anne regarding the ability to give TDAP & Hep C vaccines. Currently it can be administered if the resident gets the prescription through their PCP and Cheryl, Public Health Nurse can administer. Otherwise we can have orders through the Medical Director and then purchase to have it on hand for the town.

Flu clinics can be held at the Public Safety Complex, Senior Center, or by appointment in the office with Cheryl.

*Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's reports for June 17- July 14, 2020 along with approval of the Public Health Nurse initiatives for FY 2021 Seconded by Michael Nelson **Motion passes.***

Roll Call Vote: *Christopher Boutwell, – aye, Michael Nelson – aye , Al Cummings - aye*

Discussion: Public Health Nurse Initiatives for FY2021:

Cheryl shared that Public health can be defined as managing/mitigating the risks achieved through promotion, prevention, and protection strategies and interventions. The Public Health Nurse role is to fill in the gaps and be an advocate. The Cares Act can help with collaboration to achieve a set of desired outcomes from the four main initiatives which are:

1. Emergency Preparedness
2. Community Engagement: outreach to community members & schools along with residents
3. Infectious Diseases: DPH have a list of reportable diseases that need to be reported to reduce the spread of the disease and to make sure the person receives the medical attention
4. Health & Wellness Activities: boots of the ground such as flu clinics, employee immunization program (TDAP and Hep C) along with being a resource and an advocate if needed.

Discussion: Cares Act Funding for the Board of Health

Steve Ellis, Town Administrator asked each department to come up with a list of needs. The Cares Act list included needs for the department was reviewed including funding of the Public Health Nurse Position and hours over the contracted amount of four (4) hours per week. Along with the listing of a vehicle to do inspectional services including but not limited to housing, food, septic & complaints along with general office supplies needed to inform and educate the internal and external audience of Montague. Anne will send the list as an attachment via email to Steve

Ellis, Carolyn Olsen, Board of Health members, Cheryl Volpe, Public Health Nurse within the week.

Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Cares Act Initiatives as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Roll Call Vote: Christopher Boutwell – aye, Michael Nelson – aye, Al Cummings – aye

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the Montague Board of Health meeting at 6:06 PM. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

Roll Call Vote: Michael Nelson – aye, Christopher Boutwell – aye, Al Cummings – aye

Meeting adjourned: 6:06 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

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July Director's Report

June - July Nurse Report

Cares Act Initiatives