

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 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)

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

Guest: Carleigh Niedzwiedz – Owner Textür Beauty Bar (6:04 - 6:22 PM)

Meeting being recorded.

Meeting offered through zoom.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Minutes: July 15, 2020.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the July 15, 2020 Minutes. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

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

August 2020 Director’s Report:

- 58 L Street – Order to Correct letters have gone out to the owners of this property and a re-inspection will be done on August 19, 2020.
- 19 Sherman Drive – There has been a lot of progress at this location and Ed Chapin has been moving items out. All enforcement bodies have met to help get movement at this location. This includes Dan Hall (MA DEP) who is making weekly drive bys of the property to make sure compliance in this matter continues. The Turners Falls Fire Department has given a cease and desist order at this location regarding any burning.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Director’s reports for August as presented. Seconded by Al Cummings **Motion passes.***

Roll Call Vote: *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.

July- August Nurse’s Report:

- The Board of Health members reviewed the Public Health Nurse report for the months of July and August and noted that COVID-19 remained the same and that contract tracing and other duties as assigned have been keep Cheryl Volpe, RN very busy.

The Town of Montague is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's reports for July 14-August 13, 2020 Seconded by Al Cummings **Motion passes.**

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

Discussion: Carleigh Niedzwiedz, Owner Textür Beauty Bar regarding microblading at the business and the required documentation and permits needed.

Michael Nelson acknowledged he knows and is friends with Carleigh Niedzwiedz. If there is any voting done tonight given that Christopher Boutwell is absent, we will have to "evoke the rule of necessity".

To be clear what the rule is: The rule of necessity may be used only when an elected board is legally required to act on a matter and it lacks enough members to take valid official action solely due to board members being disqualified by conflicts of interest from participating in the matter.

Al Cummings stated that if needed, we will "evoke the rule of necessity" for the discussion and vote regarding microblading at Textür Beauty Bar.

Discussion among the Board of Health members and Carleigh ensued. Carleigh introduced herself and gave an overview of her thoughts and plans which included that she is an established business with clientele who would come from as far away for the service of microblading. The main issue being that the Montague Board of Health Regulations as written put microblading under tattooing. Carleigh has done research regarding some of the stipulations including the apprentice hours of 2,000 which for microblading is 200 hours. However, if needed Spirit Tattoo in Greenfield, MA has agreed to sponsor Tatyana for those additional hours if needed. Tatyana has acquired most of the requirements under the regulations including first aid/cpr, blood borne pathogens in addition to practicing microblading on live models. Tatyana also has and follows best management practices for maintaining and being in compliance for work stations, injury reports cleaning and sanitizing processes and sharps disposals. Carleigh is planning to open mid to late September on the Avenue. She would like to apply for a variance from some of the requirements of the Body Art regulations. After some discussion it was suggested that both a site visit be done and some conversations with Tatyana regarding the space, the breakdown of the process of microblading along with cleaning and sanitizing practices be demonstrated. A date of Tuesday, August 25th in the afternoon has been set as a tentative site visit appointment. Anne Stuart, Health Clerk will be in touch with Carleigh if any adjustments have to be made. Given a needed site visit and more explanation by Tatyana regarding the microblading process, the Montague Board of Health will vote to table the variance till the September Board of Health meeting.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to table the vote of a variance from the Body Art Regulation for Textür Beauty Bar till September 16, 2020 Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Al Cummings **Motion passes.**

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

Discussion: Recent Tobacco Enforcement in the Town of Montague

It was recently brought to our attention by both a Board of Health member and then confirmed by several of our tobacco retailers that someone had been visiting locations within the Town of Montague to conduct compliance checks and enforcement if needed.

This is concerning as the Montague Board of Health voted to leave the Tobacco Coalition back in the beginning of the year (2020) due to many complaints from the enforcement visits and lack of communication issues. When the decision was made a letter stating this fact went out to Merridith O'Leary at the Northampton Board of Health who at the time housed the Tobacco Coalition (this entity has since left the city of Northampton to be spearheaded by Sharon Hart in South Hadley) In leaving the coalition, means that enforcement would be done internally from the Montague Board of Health. This latest development supports the decision to leave. Daniel Wasiuk, Health Director will reach out again to the Northampton Board of Health and also to South Hadley to reiterate the Montague Board of Health's decision to leave the coalition and feels this might have been an oversight given the change over.

Topics Not Anticipated:

Discussion & Update Cares Act Funding:

Daniel Wasiuk gave an update of the Cares Act funding after a conversation he recently had with the Town Administrator regarding renovating the Annex space with \$150,000 of Cares Act money to incorporate space for multiple departments including the Board of Health and a meeting space that could be accessible to the public without coming into the main building. There will be a walk through scheduled with Jim Whiteman (Highway Maintenance), Mark Nelson (Highway Maintenance), Chris Rice (Building Inspector), Daniel Wasiuk (Health Director), Tom Bergeron (DPW Superintendent) and Steve Ellis (Town Administrator) to do an assessment of the space.

Michael Nelson brought up that he received a call from Xander at the FRCOG about the vaccine fridge for Montague as a dispensing site for the surrounding towns. The Montague BOH members earlier in the year voted and approved the purchase of a vaccine fridge locally that met the state requirements. We have that fridge in house and in use. We will contact Xander at the FRCOG and see about getting the other vaccine fridge to be an EDS dispensing one given that we are the appointed town to handle this.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the Montague Board of Health meeting at 6:46PM. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:47 PM

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Documents:

- July Minutes
- August Director's Report
- July-August Nurse Report
- Tobacco Letter
- Textür Beauty Bar Letter