

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Christopher Boutwell (remote participation)

Absent: Michael Nelson

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

Guest: Carleigh Niedzwiedz – Owner Textür Beauty Bar and Tatyana V. Agapov - Textür Beauty Bar

Meeting being recorded.

Meeting offered through zoom.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Minutes: August 19, 2020.

*Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the August 19, 2020 Minutes. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

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

September 2020 Director’s Report:

- Winslow Wentworth Building J Street – The Board of Health condemned Unit #11 due to gross unsanitary conditions. The Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk had made several previous inspections to this location with some progress being made by the tenant. However, after the recent call to the Board of Health and the tenant being transported to BFMC the property will be cleaned and then re-inspected.
- Textür Beauty Bar had an on site visit in order to clarify the future requirements for compliance with the physical space. A future inspection for pre-operation will be done contingent upon the variance being approved and the application(s) being received.

*Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Director’s reports for September as presented. Seconded by Al Cummings **Motion passes.***

Roll Call Vote: *Christopher Boutwell – 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.

August-September Nurse’s Report & Update on the Flue Vaccination Clinics & COVID-19 Activities:

- The Board of Health members reviewed the Public Health Nurse report for the months of August and September and noted that COVID-19 remained the same with a recent case that tested positive but ended up being negative.

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- The flu vaccine has arrived and we have been re-enrolled in the system as compliant. We are currently waiting for the CDC to send 15 vaccines for those adults that have no insurance or folks less than 18 years of age.
- We plan to make available to primary employees and family members by appointment and then through the schools.
- Cheryl and Anne will do the training for the flu vaccine which is mandatory through the state.
- After the MIIS training we have 30 days to submit to the state for reimbursement in which they issue checks three times a year – March, June and November. We will not be able to be a Medicare provider for folks this year but hope to be one again next year.
- Cheryl Volpe met with Melissa Bedarski – Pandemic Coordinator and reviewed the COVID-19 response packet with her for distribution in the future.

*Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's reports for August 14-September 16, 2020
Seconded by Al Cummings **Motion passes.***

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

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

Discussion among the Board of Health members, Town Nurse – Cheryl Volpe, Carleigh and Tatyana – Textür Beauty Bar ensued. After revisiting the conversation from last month regarding having a variance from the Montague Body Art regulations it was determined that the Montague Board of Health would give their approval if the following items were met:

1. The attendance of a comprehensive First Aid/CPR/AED and Bloodborne Pathogens Course to be held on November 16, 2020 at the cost of \$160.00
2. Shadowing a Greenfield, MA Tattoo artist to gain both knowledge and hours surrounding body art work.
3. A site inspection to be done by Daniel Wasiuk – Health Director before the salon is open and offering any type of service to the public.

*Al Cummings **Motioned** to grant the variance with the understanding that the above criteria is met and submitted to the Montague Board of Health before opening Texture Beauty Bar to the public. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

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

Discussion: 24/7 contacts for the Montague Board of Health

The expectation of the Montague Board of Health being a 24/7 or on call department has come up recently during some situations that have happened in town. Daniel Wasiuk expressed that this expectation is not reasonable given that we are not a shift based department with the office being maned around the clock. He also noted that it is **extremely** rare that the Board of Health needs to be involved or present at a particular moment while a situation is happening. Most

situations that arise already have the Fire Department and Turners Falls Police Department (which are maned around the clock by various shifts and individuals and paid accordingly) and possibly the Red Cross with follow up by the Board of Health afterwards. This allows the responding department to conveyed information to the Board of Health by a phone call or on the next business day if needed. Several situations recently have involved folks that really should not be in the loop on a particular matter and thus resulted in certain actions taking place on miss information.

The Montague Board of Health and its staff can not provide the unrealistic and expected coverage that is both not necessary (in most cases) and unwarranted. It is also noted that the Director or staff or Board of Health members do not receive or have ever received call in pay or on call pay for their positions.

The Director of Health supports and realizes there is a need for a protocol based on the Board of Health responsibilities and not on the expectations of other departments. This will be an ongoing discussion in the future.

Discussion: Winslow Wentworth House 78 J Street Unit #1 Condemnation

Daniel Wasiuk – Health Director wanted to inform the Board of Health members that he had to issue a condemnation at this location due to the gross unsanitary conditions of the apartment. The Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority who manages the property will go into the apartment and thoroughly clean it and will let Daniel know when he can re-inspect the apartment.

Topics Not Anticipated:

Rag Shag Parade:

After some discussion due to the high volume of attendance of this event and the current pandemic it is with sadness that the Montague Board of Health members recommends to the cancelling of this year Rag Shag Parade. Al Cummings will convey this information to John Murphy for his thoughts. Anne will post it on the banner of the Town website along with the Soldier's Memorial page.

*Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to adjourn the Montague Board of Health meeting at 6:45PM. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

August Minutes

September Director's Report

August-September Nurse Report

Textür Beauty Bar Letter

Information of Class for Bloodbourne Pathogens

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