

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Christopher Boutwell & Michael Nelson (left 5:42 PM)

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: Board of Health Meeting September 2020

- Board of Health members discussed and no changes or additions were noted.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the September Board of Health Minutes as presented. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

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

Minutes: Special Board of Health Meeting October 1, 2020

- Board of Health members discussed and no changes or additions were noted.

Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the September Board of Health Minutes as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

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

Director's Report October 2020

- There has been a lot of title 5 work and the annual food inspections have started. Daniel has noted that some business are still not open; for example Second Street Baking Company and the Upper Bend.
- Anne continues to receive and respond to non compliance complaints regarding COVID-19.

Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to accept the Directors Report as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

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

Nurse's Report September 17 – October 21, 2020

- It was noted that the work continues to be steady going into flu season and that the Cares Act will be able to be used to fund the nurses hours.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's Report as presented. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

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

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Discussion: Halloween During COVID: Keeping trick or treating safe.

- The Montague Board of Health gave a statement regarding their stance on Halloween in Montague in 2020. Halloween will happen at the discretion of the residents and following CDC guidelines during COVID-19. The Rag Shag Parade has been cancelled this year. Both the Montague Reporter and the Greenfield Recorder will run Ads regarding safety this Halloween season along with a public service announcement regarding the Rag Shag Parade. The banner on the town website along with the Board of Health website will note both safe trick and treating tips as well as the rag shag parade being cancelled.

Topics not anticipated within the 48 Hours of posting:

- Montague Board of Health 24 hour coverage.
 - Daniel Wasiuk will discuss with Chief Christopher Williams (Police) and Chief John Zellmann (Turners Falls Fire) regarding what the expectations may be for the Montague Board of Health given we are not an office staffed 24/7 and are currently grateful to finally have a full-time clerk and a very part time nurse. Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk asked the Board members if they are willing to step up and take calls when items/situations are deemed necessary for Board of Health representation due to the nature of the board positions and given that all three members live in town while Daniel is over an hour away to be able to respond physically. Daniel Wasiuk will draft some protocols/guidelines for the November Board of Health meeting.
- EDS Drill.
 - Daniel Wasiuk spoke to Lauri Solomon regarding setting up a mock EDS drill for early 2021. He also reached out to Michael Nelson for his knowledge on how to run and effective EDS drill. The last Montague EDS drill was around 7-8 years ago if memory serves the members correctly.
- Food Service Fees for 2021.
 - Anne Stuart is a couple of weeks away from the mail drop for annual Food Establishment renewals along with other Board of Health permits. Given the current climate and impact on the food industry it is suggested that we look at reducing or eliminating Food Establishment fees for 2021. This would not include temporary food or mobile food permits for 2021. After some discussion it was decided to have a special meeting on October 28, 2020 at 5:00 PM to discuss the Food Establishments and the fees associated with the 2021 permits. Anne Stuart will send out a Zoom invitation to let the Board of Health members know about the special meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 5:50 PM

*Christopher Boutwell **Motioned** to adjourn the monthly Board of Health meeting at 5:40 PM. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

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

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

September Minutes

October Special Meeting Minutes

Director's Report

Nurse Report

Halloween BOH Statement

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