

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 5:00 pm
Upstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Melanie Ames Zamojski, Michael Nelson

Staff: Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk & Board of Health Clerk, Anne E. H. Stuart

Meeting being recorded.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:00PM.

Minutes: Montague Board of Health October 20, 2021

- After a brief discussion of the minutes from the October 20, 2021, Board of Health meeting and the vote was taken.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the October Board of Health minutes as presented. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Recent Director's Report:

- 38 East Main Street – BOH received a call regarding hoarding inside dwelling unit – Some services are involved and BOH will continue to monitor it.
- 30 Eleventh Street – Lack of adequate heat complaint in dwelling. Order to correct was issued and the owners have contacted the BOH to address the issues.
- 493A Federal Street – gross unsanitary conditions observed within interior areas of the dwelling. BOH is monitoring the situation.
- Park Street - Location had a fire previously and it looks as if it will stay condemned at this point.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept Director's report as presented. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Recent Nurse's Report:

- Discussions and review of the Nurse's monthly report including COVID-19 counts at 439 confirmed cases.
- Cheryl is also following up on Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (HGA) and Salmonellosis cases.
- We received the 3rd reimbursement check for Commonwealth Medicine reimbursement.
- Flu Clinic was held at the Great Falls Festival with GCC Nursing Students, Melanie, Al, Anne and Daniel staffing the BOH tent.
- Flu Clinics at the Town Hall – Annex space
- Website for the Public Health Nurse page being worked on and will go "live" soon.
- Discussions regarding the CTC grant which Greenfield reapplied for \$250,000 (\$125,000 per year for two years). The towns involved will consist of Montague, Deerfield, Sunderland and spearheaded by Greenfield.
- The Vax Bus is coming to Sheffield School on November 29, 2021 from 1:30-5:30 PM. Given some of the comments, concerns and results from the Vax Bus event in Greenfield, Anne will reach out to the schools and the point person to be sure that there is an inside location as well for the event.

The Town of Montague is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

- There is an opportunity for a second grant – Public Health Excellence on Mental Health that is due on December 3, 2021 targeted for the non-english speaking community and homebound individuals.

Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to accept the recent Nurse’s Report as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson **Motion passes.**

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to recommend to the Selectboard to support the CTC grant opportunity. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski. **Motion passes.**

Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to authorize submission of Public Health Excellence Grant for shared services. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Daniel Wasiuk, Director brought up that it is budget time and that the Public Health Nurse position is in need of more hours. It was discussed that if it went up to 19 hours per week that the hourly rate would need to be increased. Another option would be to go to 20 hours at the current rate and benefits.
- There is also a need for a vehicle(s) for inspectional services for the Board of Health. There has been discussion between the Building Department, Assessing Department and the Board of Health that there is a need to have town owned vehicles to perform the various duties associated with these departments and positions.
- The First Congregational Church has written to ask for a reduction or to waive the Food Service permit fee for 2022 due to the hardships faced during 2021. After discussions the BOH members decided to reduce the fee to \$50.00 for the 2022 season. Anne will reach out to Ann Fisk and take care of all the necessary permits.

Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motioned** to reduce the food service fee to \$50.00 for the First Congregational Church of Montague. Seconded by Michal Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned: 5:56 PM

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the monthly Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski. **Motion passes**

Approved by: _____

Date: _____