

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – 5:00 pm

Remote Meeting By Zoom

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Al Cummings, Melanie Ames Zamojski, Michael Nelson

**Staff:** Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk & Anne Stuart

**Guests:** Ariel Elan, Wendy Bogusz & Julian Mendoza

**Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:02PM.**

### **Discussion: COVID-19 Responsibilities & Duties for the Board of Health:**

- The emergency meeting centered mostly on the mutual disappointment between the Board of Health and the Selectboard regarding roles, responsibilities and accountability. There has been an overstepping of duties and responsibilities by the Selectboard.
- To clarify, something is decided at the Selectboard meeting by the Selectboard members and then the staff of the Board of Health is expected to follow through the next day to carry out the decision or policy making decisions that happened the night before. This includes execution, financial resources and dissemination of information from the Board of Health office without regard to what is currently or might be going on that particular day.
- Daniel felt that there has been an attempt to understand these concerns particularly regarding the Monday night meetings that there will be a place holder weekly, and a Board of Health member of Daniel will attend when the situation warrants an update on a biweekly basis. To attend just to reiterate the COVID-19 report and turn weekly sessions into questions and answers this far into the pandemic when all the information has been distributed earlier in the day to vast majority of folks including the Selectboard is seen as duplicating efforts and a misuse of time and resources.

### **Discussion: COVID-19 Case Counts & Transition levels**

- **Active Cases**
  - December 26, 2021 – January 1, 2022 = 84 Cases
  - December 19, 2021 – January 1, 2022 = 117 Cases
- **Cumulative Cases**
  - March 1, 2020 – January 1, 2022
  - 721 Total Positive Cases since the beginning of the Pandemic
- **Two-Week Rolling Case Count**

| DATE  | 12/11 | 12/18 | 12/25 | 1/1 |
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| CASES | 67    | 79    | 81    | 126 |

- **Percentage of All (12+) Individuals Fully Vaccinated in Montague, MA = 64% (data as of December 30, 2021)**
- **Cumulative Percentage of All (12+) Individuals with at Least One Dose Administered in Montague, MA = 74% (data as of December 30, 2021)**

**Meeting adjourned: 5:51 PM**

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

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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