

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 5:00 pm

Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room (Moved from Annex Space) AND ZOOM

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Staff:** Health Director- Daniel Wasiuk, Board of Health Clerk - Anne Stuart, Public Health Nurse - Cheryl Volpe RN, BSN

**Guests:** UMASS Professor Sheila Pennell, UMASS Nursing Students: Megan Coughlan, Dylan Ha, Katherine Lawn, John McDonnell and Jessica McHugh, Ariel Elan, Lilith Wolinsky, Montague Reporter-Jeff Singleton, Rachel Stoler, Maureen McNamara Kathleen Burek, and Jane Alessandra.

Chair Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:00 PM

### **February 9, 2022 Minutes:**

- Board members reviewed the minutes as presented.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the February 9, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motion passes.***

*Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye*

### **March 23, 2022 Minutes:**

- Board members reviewed the minutes as presented.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the March 23, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski **Motion passes.***

*Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye*

### **Director's Report:**

- Septic season is starting up and plans have and will continue to come into the office.
- We continue to have issues with debris left on the tree belts in town which cause calls of complaints to come in now that the spring season has begun! The areas surrounding Fourth, Fifth and L Street. If items are not removed after tickets have been issued, we will try to accomplish compliance through the DPW.
- There are many new homes being built in the town.
- There has been some interest with new restaurants in the town.

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

*Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye*

### **Nurse's Report:**

- Case investigation continues along with MAVEN reporting
- Still awaiting response from Valley Medical Group concerning a Medical Director for Montague to do a vaccine program.
- Cheryl Volpe has ordered 70 Doses of Sanifi Pasteur Flu vaccine and it can be returned if we do not get a Medical Director to step up for the Town.
- There has been an uptick in numbers and the focus is latent Tuberculosis infection.

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- Food borne illness and Opioids are also on the radar
- June 1 starts the Arbor Virus season, and we will use the postcard idea for educational outreach to our residents.

**Discussion: Alternative Mosquito Management Plan for the application opt out of spraying (SRMCB)**

- The plan has a sequence of requirements including the community outreach postcard will be done and ordered. This will fulfil one of the outreach activities and help to coach residents on how to mitigate issues regarding mosquitos and the spreading of disease.
- The BOH would like to review the plan individually prior to it being on the Selectboard agenda in May.
- Jane Alessandra stressed the importance that The DPW will do culvert management as well throughout the town.
- The BOH and Daniel discussed that there is a very low chance of joining the Pioneer Valley Mosquito District. The beginning cost is \$5,000 to start and there are no specifics to exactly what they are providing for services. Michael Nelson brought up that the public safety and cost analysis can be managed internally within the town.
- Rachel Stroler inquired what type of educational materials would be done and how would they be disseminated. The information will be assembled and distributed in the format of another educational postcard. Outreach with the mosquito postcards could be distributed to our camps, our residents, at various town locations and possibly a tent event later.
- Ariel Elan offered her services to help distribute the materials if needed.

**Discussion: Intermunicipal Grant**

- The Health Director will bring the discussion for the grant opportunity to the Selectboard in May.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to have Health Director collaborate with Greenfield and bring it to the Selectboard for review. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

*Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye*

**Unanticipated Topics: Farmers Market**

- It was requested by Farmers Market Coordinator, Annie Levine to waive the permit fees for the vendors again this year.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to waive the Farmers Market Vendor fees of \$50.00. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

*Nelson -Aye, Cummings – Aye*

**Meeting adjourned: 6:56 PM**

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

*Nelson -Aye, Cummings – Aye*

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

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

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