

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 5:00 pm
Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Melanie Ames Zamojski, Michael Nelson, and Rachel Stoler

Staff: Health Director- Daniel Wasiuk

Melanie Ames Zamojski opened the meeting at 5:03 PM

May 16, 2022 Minutes Joint Meeting with Selectboard and Board of Health:

- Board members reviewed the minutes as presented.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the May 16, 2022 joint meeting minutes with a correction. Seconded by Rachel Stoler **Motion passes.**
Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – abstained*

May 18, 2022 Board of Health Minutes:

- Board members reviewed the minutes as presented.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the May 18, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Rachel Stoler **Motion passes.***

Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – Aye

Old Business:

- **COVID report:** Daniel did not receive any report from Greenfield, Jack Sullivan, or Robin Neipp last week. Melanie shared the figures she received with the group. For the last 7 days = 14 cases, Total for June = 31, Franklin County last 14 days = 333 with a positivity rate of 6.17% which is a decrease along with 2 Franklin County deaths which also has a decrease. The overall Massachusetts positivity rate is 5.71%. Melanie suggested that we need to remind folks that if you are sick or within the timeline to please stay home. Melanie asked if the DPH has any outreach materials to educate folks on staying home when they are sick. Michael is no longer in that area of Public Health and could not speak to that. Melanie requested to have a link put up on the BOH website regarding therapeutic/medication and its availability. There have been preliminary discussions regarding testing the wastewater for COVID-19 but different villages wastewater goes to different facilities including Erving. Melanie will discuss with Steve about moving away from reporting out the weekly numbers.
- **Dog waste initiative:** We now have dispensers in every village and on 5th Street and Sheffield School area. We placed them near trash receptacles to help with disposal which met with some push back from the DPW. The reminder postcards went out at the beginning of June to dog owners on record with the Town Clerk's office. Future maintenance of the stations and refilling of the bags to be discussed as needed.
- We had a vicious Dog hearing under the Selectboard with Calin Giurgiu – Animal Control and Kathy Burek – Animal Inspector in attendance. With this case Kathy has reported that the owners have been slow to respond but the animal is contained.

- Request was made to do an Animal Control/Animal Inspector/Barn Inspector monthly report for the BOH members – just number of calls.
- **Mosquito control:** There were 25 towns out of 351 that asked to waive the mosquito spraying. The Town of Montague was approved for the opt-out measures including the education and outreach measures to use the Marvin the mosquito poster and helpful hints postcard. The state will provide testing and monitoring for the town.
- **Medical oversight:** A suggestion was to contact Catherine Dodds as a possible Medical Director for Montague.
- **Intermunicipal grant:** Jack Sullivan, Epidemiologist will share an update regarding the grant at a future BOH meeting.

Director's Report:

- El Nopalito is ready to open. There has been much anticipation.
- New Mobile Food Unit Squadron 4 will be doing events in the future – a genuinely nice unit
- Recreational Camps – Montague permitted 2 camps this season; Cheryl has reviewed documents and materials with Daniel Wasiuk. Daniel is scheduled to do onsite inspections in the upcoming week.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Director's Report as presented. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**
Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – Aye*

Nurse's Report:

- There was a request made for Cheryl to do a Lyme Disease case count from MAVEN.
- Infectious Disease surveillance is happening through the MAVEN system by our Public Health Nurse, Cheryl Volpe, RN.
- Given the end of the budget season she has been down to minimal hours till the new budget season.
- Melanie asked about the new contract for the nurse.
- Daniel stated that the department is open to ideas and/or follow through on how to direct Cheryl on her new endeavors – students? clinics? going forward.
- All staff will be helping to transition the nurse's office to the Health Department space on the second floor.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Public Health Nurse's Report as presented. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.**
Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – Aye*

Fats, Oils & Grease Regulation Discussion:

- Daniel presented the FOG Regulations. This regulation was discussed by the Montague Board of Health in 2019 (pre-COVID) and follow through done to make sure licensed food entities came into compliance with outside grease interceptors.
- All letters went out previously to Food Service entities along with the protocols for advertising the regulations in the local papers.
- There could be future variances for Food Service entities that just make sandwiches and do not offer any grease laden foods.

Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Fats, Oils and Grease Regulations as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – Aye

Unanticipated Topics: Department Terminology

- The terms of Board of Health and Health Department have been used interchangeable; future discussion will happen to resolve this.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 PM

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

Zamojski – Aye Nelson -Aye, Stoler – Aye

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

Joint BOH and SB Minutes

BOH Minutes

Directors Report

Nurse Report

FOG Regulations