

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 – 5:00 PM  
Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room and ZOOM

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Melanie Ames-Zamojski, Rachel Stoler and Michael Nelson (Michael Nelson via Zoom)

**Staff:** Ryan Paxton - Health Director for Montague, Mackenzie Salls – Board of Health Clerk and Brittany Tuttle – Public Health Nurse

**Other:** Dr. Lepore

**Melanie Ames-Zamojski opened the meeting at 5:00 PM**

**\*ROLL CALL VOTES TAKEN DUE TO MICHAEL NELSON ATTENDING VIA ZOOM\***

**\*Melanie Ames-Zamojski, Board Chair, elected to move agenda item “Discussion: Medical Director Memorandum of Agreement” as first agenda item to accommodate Dr. Lepore’s schedule. \***

### **Discussion: Medical Director Memorandum of Agreement**

- Board Members and Dr. Lepore reviewed proposed MOA.
- MOA was also reviewed by the Town Council prior to the meeting.
- No changes to be made, document to be signed by BOH Members and Dr. Lepore.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Medical Director Memorandum of Agreement as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

*Nelson – aye and Zamojski– aye, Stoler – aye*

### **Minutes:**

December 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 Minutes

- The BOH Members reviewed and discussed the minutes (briefly discussed Naloxbox location(s) which was deemed not appropriate to add to minutes).

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the December 20th Minutes as presented. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

*Nelson – aye and Zamojski– aye, Stoler – aye*

### **Director’s Report:**

- Conducted various inspections including 106 Third Street, 96 Third Street, 73 Fourth Street and 87 Fourth Street. 73 Fourth Street has been resolved; all others were issued orders to correct.

- 106 Third Street had multiple reinspections ordered by the Western District Housing Court (Eric Marks v. Alycar Investments). Four court dates regarding this case were attended by the Director of Public Health.
- Conducted 31 trash related inspections at 13 separate locations. Four orders to correct, four citations and several reinspections issued among several resolutions.
- Worked alongside the DEP regarding 12 Federal Street (no formal orders issued, however contaminated soil and barrels were identified).
- Worked with the Selectboard, Town Administrator and Montague PD regarding an unhoused individual residing in the Peske Park Bandshell.
- Continued bi-annual inspections at various locations. Finished inspections with the Shared Health Inspector who is now no longer employed by the Collaborative.
- Inspected TFHS swimming pool which is now open.
- Denied Disposal System Construction Permit at 51 Randall Rd.
- Attended various meetings including monthly Valley Health Regional Collaborative Steering Committee, a MAPCHO meeting, various webinars, a meeting with the Food Protection Program regarding TFHS chocolate milk incident and others.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

*Stoler – aye, Nelson – aye and Zamojski– aye*

#### **Nurse Report:**

- Discussed holding a vaccine clinic in February.
- Went to the Senior Center with Director to hold a “Meet and Greet.”
- Continued weekly and monthly meetings.
- Outreach continued Facebook and Town Website.
- MAVEN Report.
- Discussed potential opportunities to increase covid re-vaccinations. Potential to hold vaccination event at library or high school. Will investigate outreach options as well as “promotional” options.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's Report. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

*Stoler – aye, Nelson – aye and Zamojski– aye*

#### **Animal/Barn Inspector Report:**

- Annual barn inspections were completed.
- 1 cat quarantine.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Animal/Barn Inspector's Report. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

*Nelson – aye, Zamojski – Aye and Stoler – aye*

**Topics Unanticipated:**

**St. Stanislaus**

- Call received from St. Stanislaus regarding letter sent by the Director. The letter stated it was observed that patrons were smoking in an enclosed area which is prohibited by regulation in Montague.
- The previous health inspector may have worked with private clubs to allow smoking in designated areas such as this back around 2015.
- Further research to be done regarding the regulation as well as variances that may have been granted or development plans regarding these areas at the local private clubs.
- MHOA/MAHB to be contacted for additional advice.
- Review of the Smoke-Free Workplace Law.

**Well Regulation**

- At the previous meeting, the Town's Well Regulation was updated due to clerical error. Board Members to sign the updated regulation.

**Meeting adjourned: 5:30PM**

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

*Stoler – aye, Nelson – aye and Zamojski – aye*

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

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

**Documents:**

December Minutes

Director's Report

Nurse's Report

Animal and Barn Inspector Report

Medical Director MOA