

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – 5:30 PM – Downstairs Meeting Room  
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Albert (Al) Cummings, Chair, Michael Nelson, Christopher Boutwell, and Gina McNeely, Director.

Al Cummings called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

- Minutes for October 28, 2015.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the October 28, 2015 minutes as presented. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes***

- Director's Report for October 2015-Tabled until December.
  - 36 Green Pond Road building is being torn down and replaced with a new building.
- Health Inspector's Report for October 2015.
  - 19 G Street was in the paper for sale according to Michael Nelson.
  - 3 Norman Circle is boarded and secured and weatherized for the winter. During the winter months the owner is suppose to come down and remove items that she wants to have and then it is to be put up for sale in the Spring.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the Health Inspector's report for October 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

- Nurse's Report for October 2015.
  - Tabled
- **Discussion:** Amend the Body Art Regulations  
Leah Calderi – Charon Art requesting to amend the Body Art Regulations.  
The Board of Health asked for Gina's view point on this. Gina McNeely has some strong feelings regarding the development of the adolescent brain in regards to both the Tobacco Regulations and now the Body Art Regulations. Even with guardian and parental consent but how do you confirm and track individuals? How does the body artist know if BOTH parents agree? What about divorced parents, if one parent consents and the other doesn't? Al wanted, if approved, that the parent and guardian would have to be present and sign off on the procedure. Gina will check with Greenfield, Northampton and Amherst to see what they think about changing the age from 18 to 16. The Board will continue to think about this and check the surrounding communities.
- **Hearing: Cease and Desist Order:** Andrew Huskins 286 Montague City Road  
Turners Falls, MA 01376

The Board of Health received a complaint that alleged there was person living in a school bus on Montague City Road. Gina and Kathern did a site visit and from what they saw concluded that there could be a person living there so they sent a cease and desist order. Andrew Huskins presented that he has been working bit by bit on the school bus, making it into a mobile home. Mr. Huckins says he has spent time in the bus hanging out, reading a book etc. and on occasion has had a friend stay there overnight or for a weekend. He has applied for a permit from the building department for the woodstove and spoken to David

Jensen about the procedures. He hopes that he can continue to work on the bus and keep the project going with safety procedures being addressed.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** that the November 4, 2015 Cease and Desist order be rescinded as long as the electrical and safety procedures are addressed and that no one lives in the bus. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes***

- **Discussion:** Water District and SOP for information distribution both internally and externally.

**Guests:** Karen Casey Chretien, Emily Monoson, Leigh Rae.

Karen had concerns about how the information was distributed and was advised by Rich Kulkewicz to gather signatures to have folks from the Montague Center Water District address these issues. Karen read aloud that the public is supposed to be notified within 24 hours of getting a notice. Why was it not called into the MPD so that a reverse 911 could have been distributed? A CodeRed call was placed to all residents regarding the contamination of the Montague Center Water District. The confusion is how the information was disseminated and residents would not necessarily know if they were in or out of the Montague Center Water Supply District.

*Al Cummings had to leave so Michael Nelson took over as Chair.*

Gina got a call from DEP on November 5, 2015 that there had been 2 positive tests for e.coli in the storage tank of the Montague Center Water District's water supply. Gina then spoke to John Rittal who is the "engineer" for the Montague Water District but needed to talk to Gary Dion, Commissioner. Gina then spoke to Chief Chip Dodge regarding the Code Red. Chief Chip Dodge said that he would take care of it. Gina then got the language from DEP to post to the website and for the reverse 911. There seemed to be no protocol to get this important information to the public and between the departments. They will invite the Water Districts to come to the next Board of Health meeting for a discussion on how to communicate between the agencies and what the SOP should be with the messaging and the roles of the District and the Board of Health.

Why are there different districts?

Why the cost differentials?

Where is the water coming from, quality?

Is it and how is it being treated?

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to authorize Gina McNeely to send a letter to the Montague Center Water Department and the Turners Falls Water Department to attend the next Board of Health meeting to address the protocols and what would needs to happen when a situation like this arises. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell.*

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:27 PM

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

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