

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Chair, Albert (Al) Cummings, Christopher Boutwell, Kathryn Bridges R.S.

Michael Nelson opened the Board of Health Meeting at 5:40 PM

Review May 14, 2014 Minutes:

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the May 14, 2014 minutes. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Director's Report May 2014

- a) No Director's Report

Health Inspector Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of May 2014

- a) Food inspections were done earlier in the month. Carolyn will be doing food inspections when it is critical
- b) 108 Avenue A Dumpster
- c) 17 G Street – Ms. Tilly has cleaned up most of the side and backyard. The porch has been organized and could be a bit better. Items have been removed from the sidewalk. Michael Nelson sent her a note to say to up the work.
- d) 19 G Street – The owners continue not to respond. They will be in court on June 23, 2014 in Springfield, MA. Michael will represent the Board of Health.
- e) 69 5th Street has been on the receivership list. The entire property has been completely renovated except for a few window screens.
- f) 110 L Street – Paul Giard – Michael went to court with the Attorney General's office to defend the property for the receivership.
- g) 132 L Street – Is still in the discrimination court this is expected to be dismissed. It will then go on the receivership program.
- h) Charon Art has been inspected by Carolyn and there were some issues that need to be addressed.
- i) 15 Park Street – Landlord and Tenant issue. The landlord has been proactive with following the order to correct.
- j) Attorney General has approached Montague BOH for other properties for receivership. Norman Circle, Central Street, J Street, Millers Falls Bldg.
- k) Joan Felton had called regarding Watroba's D-box and a strong odor coming from it. The plywood had warped and so the smell continues. Christopher Boutwell says a concrete cover should be put in place.

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the Health Inspector's Report for the month of May 2014. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Nurse's Report (Carolyn Merriam) for the month of May 2014

- a) Measles case was revoked by DPH

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Nurse's Report for the month of May 2014. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

Discussion to reduce the food permit fee for the Montague Retreat Center from \$230.00 to \$115.00 for the remainder of 2014.

This is a request by Michael Nelson for a one time reduction of fee due to the fact that the Montague Retreat Center is not currently open and will not be opening until after June.

Al Cummings **motioned** to reduce the food permit fee for the Montague Retreat Center from \$230.00 to \$115.00 for the remainder of 2014. *Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Local Upgrade Approval for 224 Greenfield Road. Presented by Kathryn Bridges, R.S.
Kathryn Bridges was in attendance to give an overview of the project. The owner is asking for a reduction between the soil absorption system and high ground water. This is a repair and it is normally a five foot separation the owners are asking for it to be approved at four foot separation. Gina McNeely had previously approved this but had not brought it in front of the board for a local upgrade approval.

Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the local upgrade approval for 224 Greenfield Road as presented with a separation from a five foot separation to a four foot separation by Kathryn Bridges, R.S.. *Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Perc Variance – waiver request for 258 Greenfield Road – Jim Klaiber. Presented by Kathryn Bridges, R.S.

Kathryn Bridges presented the project to be witnessed by Kathryn Bridges and the fee to be waived due to the BOH schedules and Gina being absent. Kathryn Bridges has the perc scheduled for June 25, 2014.

Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the waiver request for 258 Greenfield Road for Jim Klaiber. *Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes***

Well Variance 59 Highland Avenue – Jeff Dickey.

Selena Webber the Landscape Architect presented the project. Jeff Dickey plans on tearing down the present house and will be rebuilding the house in 2 stages with an addition and with the garage remaining.

There is an existing well that is currently within 8 ½ feet from the existing house currently. Gina previously suggested applying for a variance so that Jeff Dickey's new house could be closer than the regulated 25 feet to the well. Selena asked to be able to build the house up to 10 feet of the well. There is a propane (fuel) issue where the law is to be 150 feet from the home. Chief Robert Escott will be consulted regarding this. Propane will never contaminate a well due to the fact that it dissipates.

Al Cummings **motioned** to allow a well variance of 10 feet at 59 Highland Avenue belonging to Jeff Dickey at that address. *Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Al Cummings **motioned** to allow an underground propane tank at 59 Highland Avenue belonging to Jeff Dickey at that address as long as the propane tank is kept within the 150 foot restricted area and as far away from the well as possible. *This variance would also have to be approved by the Fire Chief, Robert Escott. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Al Cummings **motioned** to adjourn the June 18, 2014 meeting. *Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes***
Motion passes. Meeting adjourned: 6:10 PM

Christopher Boutwell noted on his recent inspections at the events that the BOH permits should be posted.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____