

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 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 Gina McNeely R.S., CHO

**Guest:** Alice Johnson

Michael Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:33PM

### **Review May 20, 2015 Minutes:**

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the minutes May 20, 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

### **Director's Report for May 2015**

- a) 32 High Street will be in court July 3, 2015. Recently access was denied so there will be an order in the future to gain access to the interior of the house.
- b) 23 Park Street is owned by Pioneer Cooperative there have been ongoing issues working with the Cooperative: they are unresponsive and inept at property management. The COOP is in the process of selling some of their properties; they have 5+/- properties in Turners and others in Greenfield. There was a court case with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor apartment tenants at 23 Park Street which is now vacant and will remain vacant until it is brought up to code.
- c) 10 Sunset Drive in process through the BOH.
- d) Carroll's Market Gina has done some visits to the market and everything appears to be going well regarding the meat counter.
- e) 38 East Main Street – this property is being worked on and finally the entry doors to the building are locked and secured with steel plates to prevent jimmying the door locks. The job is moving along.
- f) Gina applied for a \$10,000 grant for climate variability.
- g) Ninth Street (Burned down building) – complaints have come in and David is handling through the Building Department.

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Director's report for May 2015. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

### **Health Inspector's Report for May 2015**

- a) Wood Boiler complaint by a neighbor to see if it is in compliance. It is in compliance and not currently in use.
- b) Pigeons and rooster complaints – Calin the Animal Control Officer was able to capture the rooster and was in the process of returning to owner or finding it a home.

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the Health Inspector's report for May 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

### **Nurse Report for May 2015**

- a) Sunscreen event at Unity Park – skin/sun education & tick identification cards
- b) Home visits continue in town
- c) Updated Montague Volunteer Core – letter to go out in future
- d) Residents are utilizing the “nurses hours”

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept Lisa Hassay, R.N. Nurse's report for the month of May 2015. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.**

**Health Director's Request for vacation time**

- a) June 29, 2015 - July 6, 2015 (4 days)
- b) Aug 24, 2015 - Sept 6, 2015 (8 days)
- c) Dec 28, 2015 – January 7, 2016 (7 days)

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the vacation request as presented for Gina McNeely, Health Director. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.**

**Reorganization of the Board of Health Members**

Michael Nelson is currently Chair of the Selectboard and would like to step down as Chair of the Board of Health.

Michael Nelson **motioned** to appoint Al Cummings as Chair of the Montague Board of Health, Christopher Boutwell as Clerk and Michael Nelson as Member. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes. Al Cummings abstains.**

**Topics not Anticipated**

- a) Alice Johnson is interested in being a part of the Board of Health.
- b) Trash/debris on front porches and in back of businesses (Madison on Avenue and others). Gina has visited these businesses and has taken the necessary steps to address these and other concerns.

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

Meeting adjourned: 5:50 PM

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

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