

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room and ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Melanie Ames-Zamojski and Michael Nelson

Absent: Rachel Stoler

Staff: Ryan Paxton - Health Director for Montague and Mackenzie Salls – Board of Health Clerk

Other: Dr. Lepore via Zoom and guest Lisa Morrisson

Melanie Ames-Zamojski opened the meeting at 5:16 PM

Minutes:

September 2023 Minutes

- The BOH members reviewed the minutes.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the September Minutes as presented. Seconded by Melanie Ames-Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – aye and Zamojski– aye

Director's Report:

- Conducted various housing inspections/re-inspections resulting in 5 orders to correct, including illegal temporary housing at CeCe's Restaurant.
- Condemned 12 Federal St, bank is now owner.
- Access requested for 17 Laurel Lane and 13 Franklin Street due to housing complaints.
- Resolved numerous complaints related to trash.
- Investigated another complaint at Food City, situation has been resolved.
- Continued bi-annual food inspections, most issues reported have largely been resolved.
- Issued Disposal Works Construction Permit for 139 W Chestnut Hill Rd.
- Completed annual inspection of Thorntail Tattoo.
- Issued Well Permit for 16 Sunderland Rd.
- Met with Ja'Duke regarding summer workshop/camp regulations.
- 9-11 West Main Street complaints have been resolved (clutter in yard/rain barrels).
- Naloxboxes to be installed in Montague in a few town-owned facilities.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Melanie Ames-Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – aye and Zamojski– aye

Nurse Report:

- Brittany worked on clinic cancellations.
- West Nile Virus outreach with schools in Deerfield.
- Attending Covid Webinars on Friday's.
- Educational outreach and MAVEN.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Nurse's Report. Seconded by Melanie Ames-Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Animal/Barn Inspector Report:

- 3 quarantines.
- 3 dog related issues.
- Dangerous Dog Hearing was held on 10/17 for N Street (held by Selectboard with assistance from ACO).

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to accept the Animal/Barn Inspector's Report. Seconded by Melanie Ames-Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – aye, Zamojski – Aye

Discussion: Medical Director Contract

- Dr. Lepore has been an OBGYN in Greenfield for 11 years- Medical Director at PVWH in Greenfield.
- Has background in mosquito/tick borne disease research.
- On-board Dr. Lepore with logistics of contract/appointment.
- Duties include CLIA Waivers and standing orders.
- A \$1,000 stipend was motioned previously.
- Ryan to pursue MOA for next month.

Discussion: Noise Regulation in Montague

- Board of Health Members reviewed supporting documents for noise regulation.
- Reviewed suggestions from Health Director including modeling regulations set forth by the MAHB and consideration for the time of day most complaints would come through (evening /night) making observation/inspection of these complaints limited due to current resources.
- Montague BOH can pass regulations that are stricter than state regulations.
- **Lisa Morrisson, Patch Resident:**
 - Firsthand experience with nuisance noise, hoping for ordinance.
 - Has been in contact with the police who have assisted with nuisance noise. Police recommended she keep a log of the nuisance noise to take to court and file against neighbors.
 - Mediation with neighbors has been unsuccessful.
 - Nuisance noise has been occurring both day and night, however some action was taken by the police to mitigate the noise as night (lower volume but still occurring).
 - Minimal changes since last meeting.
- MAHB regulates background noise/decibels exceeding normal level, versus cap on overall noise levels.
- Consideration of other local noise ordinances and regulations.
- Investigate other avenues such as seeking civil action for this case. Another option may be to take it to a town meeting (contact point being Steve Ellis or Walter Ramsey).
- 26 complaints regarding noise since 2011- 16 of 26 were entertainment/industrial related, 10 were residential.
- Consideration for regulation from evening hour through morning hour and logistics of BOH enforcing that.

- BOH to revisit this concern.

Discussion: Topics Unanticipated

- Nice Snack Parlor's owner Marcy is interested in opening a residential kitchen (to prepare baked goods and potentially syrup down the road). Marcy would like to apply for a residential kitchen permit ASAP. Ryan to bring forward pro-rated license for the remainder of this year.
- Ryan attended Western MA Public Health Association Meeting and was elected an Executive Member of the committee.
- Greenfield Collaborative is not anticipating major changes with the departure of Jennifer Hoffman. There are no current concerns regarding shared services.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to pro-rate fee for Residential Kitchen License for Marcy Gregoire for the remainder of 2023. Seconded by Melanie Ames- Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – Aye and Zamojski– Aye

Meeting adjourned: 6:03 PM

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Melanie Ames- Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – Aye and Zamojski – Aye

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Documents:

September Minutes
 Director's Report
 Nurse's Report
 Animal/Barn Inspector Report
 Introduction to Dr. Lepore
 Noise Regulations in Montague