

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room and ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Melanie Ames-Zamojski & Rachel Stoler

Absent: Michael Nelson

Staff: Ryan Paxton - Health Director for Montague

Other: Kenn Hannah – Montague Resident

Melanie Zamojski opened the meeting at 5:02 PM

Minutes:

- June 2023, Minutes
 - The BOH members tabled the minutes due to Rachel's absence at the June meeting and being unable to vote.

Director's Report:

- Ryan reviewed the Directors report with the BOH members.
- Bi-Annual food inspections have begun.
- 15 Trash Inspections with one citation given and several reinspection's.
- 469 Federal Street has had the condemnation lifted due to the water quality there has been lifted.
- Inspections were done at various locations including: 29 Avenue A, 88 L Street, 469 Federal Street, 1 Sunrise Terrace, 12 Federal Street, 96 Third Street, 9 West Main Street and 132 L. These inspections resulted in 9 Order to Corrects being written, and 1 which has been resolved as of this meeting.
- Noise Complaint 18 Industrial Drive which DEP determined had no violations.
- Title 5 inspections at a few locations.
- Attended meetings with AGO, MAPHCO, Valley Health Regional Collaborative
- Interviewed Brittany Tuttle for the Public Health Nurse position and recommended her for hire.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski.*

Motion passes.

Stoler– aye and Zamojski– aye

Nurse Report:

- Health Director, Ryan Paxton discussed his recommendation of Brittany Tuttle for the PHN position and is in the process of MAVEN account.
- The Annex has been rearranged to make an "office" space for Brittany.
- There will be a blood pressure clinic next week.
- Some of the next steps would be to get the Medical Director on board for: keeping epi pens, CLEO waivers and doing blood sugar testing among other items. It is Ryan's understanding that the PHE Grant will have Brittany do MAVEN and Rabies follow up.
- MCSR – Massachusetts Control Substances Registry form which covers flu vaccines and epi pens.
- Flu vaccines are being covered by Cataldo this year but moving forward it will have to be determined if we want to continue with community partners or keep in house. Melanie would like this listed on the BOH agenda for January.

No votes were taken, just an informative update given.

Animal/Barn Inspector Report:

- The BOH members reviewed the Animal and Barn Inspector's Report.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Animal/Barn Inspector Report. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Stoler – Aye, Zamojski – Aye

Discussion: Personnel Updates

- The position of Board of Health Clerk position has been advertised and the closing date will be August 10, 2023
- There will be no hiring committee as Ryan followed up with Steve Ellis and said that there is no need to do that.
- Medical Director we should continue to onboard Dr. Lepore through the Selectboard's office. There is a \$1,000.00 annual fee NOT a one-time fee for the position as was first reported.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to authorize a yearly stipend of \$1,000 for the Medical Director, Dr. Lepore. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Stoler – Aye, Zamojski – Aye

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to authorize the continuation of enlisting Dr. Lepore as Medical Director for the Town of Montague, MA. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Discussion: Variance Request.

- Ryan read aloud the variance request from Kenn Hannah.
- Kenn Hannah 42 Dry Hill Road requests a variance from 310 CMR 15.224 & 15.225.
- This single-family home previously had an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) in the basement which is now proposed to be located above the garage.
- The septic tank is size appropriately and has adequate flow to accommodate the additional bedroom to bring the total to 4 bedrooms at this location.
- The reason for the variance is due to the code that states any usage other than a single-family dwelling requires a multi compartment tank of at least 1500 gallons. The idea behind this is that the secondary compartment within the tank allows for settling to occur on a more delayed basis.
- The first part of the tank has a retention time limit of 48 hours, and the second part of the tank has a retention time frame of 24 hours. The intention of the code is due to multi-family units not to overwhelm the system and flush into the SAS system.
- Kenn Hannah has done mailings to the abutters and has submitted a variance request withing the timeline.
- There is an alternative to the variance which would be replacing the existing tank with a two compartment 1500-gallon tank.

- Kenn Hannah would also be required to provide an assessment or a Title V inspection to the BOH and upon approval of the variance request his intention is to then take it to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Ryan will issue a statement from the Montague BOH that there will be no issues and that the Board voted to accept the variance.

*Melanie Zamojski **Motioned** to accept the variance request by Kenn Hannah of 42 Dry Hill Road from 310 CMR 15.224 & 15.225. Seconded by Rachel Stoler. **Motion passes.***

Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – Aye

Presentation from The People’s Medicine Project. Votes may be taken.

- Proposal for usage of opioid funds – rescheduled for August.

Discussion: Topic Not Anticipated

- Ryan will be doing some more research and attending meetings regarding spraying for mosquitoes and the Pioneer Valley Mosquito meeting.
- The BOH members are not against spraying and given especially this year spraying is at the discretion of the state and the public safety and welfare of the citizens supersede all else.

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 PM

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Melanie Zamojski **Motion passes.***

Zamojski – Aye, Stoler – Aye

Approved by: _____

Date: _____