

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Town Hall – Second Floor Meeting Room and ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rachel Stoler & Michael Nelson & Dylan Nelson

Absent: Melanie Ames-Zamojski

Other: Ryan Paxton - Health Director for Montague & Anne Stuart – Board of Health Clerk

Michael Nelson opened the meeting at 5:03 PM

Minutes:

- April 12, 2023, Minutes
 - The BOH members reviewed the April minutes and accepted them as presented.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the minutes. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Stoler – aye and Nelson – aye

Director's Report:

- Ryan reviewed Gina's April report with the BOH members.
- Michael asked Ryan to keep an eye on 12 Federal Street and 68 Lake Pleasant Road
- Ryan noted that 12 Country Club Road Septic was approved and installed by Greg Bunovicz.
- Highland Cemetery will have a green or natural burial site soon.
- Jack Sullivan's weekly meeting regarding COVID-19 risk in the area is going to be held monthly due to the low risk factors.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – Aye, Stoler - Aye

Nurse Report:

- No report since Public Health Nurse, Cheryl Volpe's RN, BSN last day was April 24, 2023.

No Vote.

Animal/Barn Inspector Report:

- The BOH members reviewed the Animal and Barn Inspector's Report. There have been three quarantines this past month.

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

Nelson – Aye, Stoler – Aye

Discussion regarding Opioid Settlement Funds:

- There was a broad discussion headed by Rachel Stoler regarding what type of approach is needed: Primary, Secondary or Tertiary.
- There is currently \$61,672 in funds and the expectation is that there will be \$1,000 a year and it would be best to piggyback on services that currently exist due to the funding

available. The money is currently in stabilization funds and access to this money will not be until FY24. The BOH will need to prepare an appropriation request for the October Town Meeting. Suggestions were made below:

- Service in the school system
- Cannabis Funds for a counselor
- AED system
- Narcan training and boxes
- There are also potential uses through the PHE grant to be researched and some questions arose:
 - How is the cannabis money allotted? Could the counselor at the Tech School be funded with PHE grant money as well?
 - There is no time frame in which to spend the money.
 - Collaboration and regional meetings
 - Ryan will meet with Jennifer regarding the PHE grant on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Discussion CSO Combined Sewage Overflow Signage

- Ryan Paxton noted that the DPW is mandated by DEP as the permittee to do signage.
- The BOH responsibility is on an advisory level.
- 2 plus hours of CSO is the benchmark in which the BOH responsibility is to issue an alert.
- Ryan will draft code red system alert.
 - App on phone
 - Email
 - Cell phone
 - The targeted audience is those residents that have signed up for the Reverse 911 alert system.
 - If someone opts out of the Reverse 911 system they can scan a QR Code which will direct them to the CSO page which the DPW manages.
 - DPW will notify Ryan to post the CSO notification.

*Rachel Stoler **Motioned** to authorize the installation of a permanent BOH sign on top of the DPW CSO sign. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Nelson – Aye, Stoler - Aye

Meeting adjourned: 5:29 PM

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

Nelson – Aye, Stoler – Aye

Approved by: _____

Date: _____