

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Jay Leary (*Chairperson*)
Peter Liffiton (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Scott Moles, *Health Director/Agent*
Kristin Abraham, *Health Department Clerk*
Deborah Lee, *Health Department Clerk*

Jay Leary opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
Scott Moles read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health roll call: Jay Leary – present, Peter Liffiton - present

Public Comment: None

Directors Report:

Boston Honey Company: 45 Chestnut Street.

- Andy Reseska from Boston Honey Company questioned the legality of Form A under agricultural items and the legal validity of Form A in the context of an alcohol license with the select board and a tent being put on concrete pad. Andy feels no permit should be required. He argued that Form A is an independent application that piggy backs on a building permit application and lacks clear guidelines. He discussed further concerns about the jurisdiction of Form A as an unlawful encumbrance on private property owners. Andy expressed concerns about complying with the law while minimizing conflicts with his business operations. He believes that Form A exceeds the minimal conflict standards with Article 39 of Hoist and Bylaw, which protects agricultural activities
- Scott Moles responded with concerns about the company's septic system capacity and the need for a Form A and an operations questionnaire. Scott highlighted the possible consequences of not completing the Form A with damaged septic systems.
- Jay Leary responded that the Form A is an addendum to a building permit application that aims to ensure the protection of septic systems and the prevention of public hazard and proper sanitation.
- Peter Liffiton responded that the role of the Board of Health is to serve the public interest and respond in a considerate manner, but also acknowledged that sometimes their decisions might not be agreeable to the applicants. It is to prevent accidents rather than re-act to things that go wrong.
- The conversation concluded with the understanding that Form A is required for any project that might involve a building permit.

COVID-19 Update: There is a cumulative total of 3363 cases in Town as of March 2, 2024

- There are 147 cases for the season
- The positivity rate is 7.39%
- BOH is not actively tracking active cases because the public is no longer reporting all cases and skewing the numbers.
- CDC has relaxed guidelines of quarantine to 1 day without symptoms and fever and the Mass DPH will do the same.
- New kits arrived at the BOH but we are not actively advertising them.
- Flu incidences are trending down.

- There was a stomach bug going around schools but no certified cases of Norovirus.

Village on the Green - Septic System Upgrade:

- Scott met with the owners.
- Town council has the document BOH requested to complete the Certificate of Compliance.

22 Avon Street: Erin Mack

- Erin expressed concerns about the continued ponding of water and silt transfer to her property under fence and on top of the septic system. She questioned if her property including fence will be cleaned. She also questioned the removal of a retaining wall that was removed from her property and raised concerns if rebuilt what are the wall's effectiveness. She also questioned if they were intending to add on a garage.
- Scott Responded that he would coordinate with Dana Sanderson to go on her property and do the cleaning before the final occupancy of the house in May and no Certificate of Compliance will be issued until it is cleaned. He also said if they are planning on building a garage they will have to go in front of the zoning board of appeals. Scott confirmed that the retaining wall needs to be replaced to prevent negative impacts on Erin's property and to meet the Scott sent email to Dana that the sand bags are not helping
- Jay Leary suggested that immediate action should be taken to prevent further issues rather than waiting until May for a Certificated of Compliance.
- Peter Liffiton agreed with Jay Leary
- Scott agreed to go out and inspect the site and report back to the board with any necessary next steps.

Kleinfelder:

- Engineer who oversees the Marshall St. Landfill and post closer compliance. The money that pays for Kleinfelder is through an escrow account and transfer station. The permit is still under the BOH.
- Scott is looking for the board's approval to sign on behalf of the board for the Amendment #8 for additional post closer testing and monitoring.

Jay Leary made a motion to sign the amendment to the Kleinfelder.

Peter Liffiton seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye Peter Lifiton-Aye Passed.

Nomination of Inspector of Animals:

Jay Leary made motion to approve the renewal of inspectors of Animals: Scott Moles, Dona Walsh and Justine Grassey

Peter Liffiton seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary- Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye. Passed.

Miscellaneous:

-Approved Form A Total 4 - Year to date 16

2/28/2024 13 Water Street

2/28/2024 35 Hill Street

2/29/2024 734 Adams Street

3/4/2024 616 Gorwin Drive

-Approved Septic Plans Total 4 - Year to date 18

2/29/2024 42 Westfield Drive

2/29/2024 149 Jerrold Street

2/29/2024 108 Prentice Street

2/29/2024 62 Ridge Road

-Perc Tests Performed Total 2 - Year to date 12

3/5/2024 147 Adams Street

3/5/2024 61 Sweet Grass Lane

Administrative Business:

Bills: none

Board Comment:

Jay Leary -asked Scott about the Form A for 3/4/2024

Scott Moles- responded that it is 616 Gorwin with the front farmers' porch. It was approved in the fall and being inspected.

Jay Leary- asked about any update on the 5 bedroom that should be a 4 bedroom on Mohawk Path.

Scott Moles – responded that the report went off to the state and they have it on record for the Title 5 inspection.

If any additional complaints come in they would notify Scott.

Jay Leary – asked for any updates on the downtown sewer.

Scott Moles – responded that no meeting has been scheduled yet but James Keast (Facilities Manager) will also join.

Jay Leary – asked if there was anything new on Hopping Brook and UIC technology.

Scott Moles – responded nothing new.

Jay Leary – asked about 747 Washington Street Brewery.

Scott Moles – responded that they are having a Perk test Thursday March 21, 2024 and will have a meeting to discuss septic design and ideas that they have.

Minutes:

Jay Leary made motion to approve the BOH meeting minutes from February 27, 2024.

Peter Liffiton seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary – Aye Peter Liffiton – Aye Passed.

Jay Leary made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:51 P.M. Peter Liffiton seconded.

Roll Call: Jay Leary- Aye, Passed.

Respectfully:

Deborah Lee, Board of Health Clerk

Approval Date: