

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## March 23, 2017

Present: Claire Ann Scaramella, Julia Lane, Karen Spaziente, and Scott Moles.  
Claire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Claire to approve the 3/9/17 minutes. All in favor.**

### Approval of Bills

The following bill was approved and signed:

Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer	\$259.50
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### Health Director's Report

**Nomination for Inspector of Animals:** The Board discussed the positions of Inspector of Animals. **Claire motioned to nominate Donald Kramer, Dona Walsh & Scott Moles for Inspectors of Animals for the period of May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018. Karen seconded, and passed unanimously.**

**173 Ashland Street LUA:** Scott presented the Local Upgrade Approval request for a 2' reduction to ground water to the Board. It is a Presby system on a space constricted lot. **Julia motioned to allow the LUA of 2' reduction to ground water for 173 Ashland Street. Karen seconded, and passed unanimously.**

**Summit Pointe Wells:** The occupancies for 36 and 39 Summitpointe Drive are not being released due to high nitrites in the well water test results. Scott is working with the State to get a full action plan. At this time the State is recommending a camera be used to check the seal of the well and retest the water. The Orchards on Highland Street have town water, but running the Town water to Summit Pointe would be cost prohibitive. If a filtration system is needed to produce acceptable water, the Board recommends a deed restriction for owner notification. Scott will keep the Board apprised of the situation.

**Tobacco 21 Hearing:** The Board discussed the body of information regarding raising the minimum age for sale of tobacco/tobacco products from the current 18 years old to 21 years old. They thoughtfully considered the input from the March 9, 2017 Public Hearing.

Scott informed the Board that Vermont has raised their minimum legal sale age (MLSA) to 21, joining California and Hawaii. And the Massachusetts State Legislature is planning to reconsider the Tobacco 21 bill this calendar year, as the majority of Massachusetts towns have raised their MLSA to 21.

Scott and the Board discussed the logistics of changing the MLSA to 21 in Holliston, and decided making a change January 1, 2018 would be least disruptive. With most of the MetroWest towns having changed their MLSA to 21, Scott can reach out to the surrounding towns to get resources and guidance to make a smooth transition.

**Claire motioned to change the Holliston Board of Health Regulations for Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors by raising the minimum age for sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old, as of January 1, 2018. Julia seconded. Passed.**

**629 Washington Street:** Scott updated the Board on the housing situation, and had invited the owner to come to this Board meeting, but the owner didn't attend. The previous tenant, having only lived in the apartment for 14 days, has a lawsuit against the owner. The apartment had the required remediation made and is ready for new renters.

**Soil testing** has been rescheduled due to this last snow storm. The mild winter in general has allowed septic installations to continue.

**Flu Vaccine** has been reserved for next season. Even though we don't have the money to buy vaccine yet (because we have not received the complete reimbursement for last season), we can reserve vaccine for next year and change our minds on the amount (with no penalty) up to the day of shipment. We have reserved 650 doses of Fluzone, and 100 of High Dose, which is the same amount as last year.

**Region 4A Public Health Emergency Preparedness:** Scott attended the Region 4A coalition meeting this week and they voted non-concurrence, meaning that not all 34 communities can comply 100% with the State's requirements. The State wants the communities to do a full set-up drill that for Holliston would entail an active shelter set-up with volunteers, and closing Holliston High School, our shelter site, for the day. It was decided that this would not be worth the \$3,000 the State would provide for compliance.

**Mayflower Medicinals – 85 October Hill Road:** Scott met with a representative from Mayflower Medicinals last week regarding their plans for a medicinal marijuana growing in town. They are similar to Compassionate Care, the first medical marijuana in town. Mayflower Medicinals are working with the State on permits and plan to start growing in July. The Board would like Scott to invite them to a BoH meeting to discuss their plans.

**Concerts in the Park Food Trucks** – Kristen Hedrick, Parks and Recreation Department, wants a Food Permit to allow food trucks at this summer's concerts at Goodwill Park. She would like 2 food trucks at each concert. The Board discussed the permitting and decided that each food truck vendor would be required to have a Holliston food permit that would be good for the summer, for as many of the

concerts they were present for. The vendors will need to show a valid food permit from their town, and will be subject to an initial inspection and possible random inspection.

**Bertucci's Grease Trap** was inspected by Harry Kampersal with Scott present, establishing a baseline for the addition of Gaetano's Bakery in Berry Bon Bon at 412 Washington Street.

**68 Pearl Street** septic system has failed, but the taxes and water are \$27,000 in the rears since 2013. Both Bill Rodenheiser and Stacey Scott have performed the Title 5 inspection and report the system as failed. Paul Saulnier has been hired to determine why the system failed. But before any Town permits or inspections are granted, the Town needs to get their back taxes. The new owner may pay the back taxes to get the septic repair going.

#### **Board Member Comment**

None

**Claire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13. Karen seconded, and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 4-13-17