

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2017

Present: Julia Lane, Kylie Williams and Scott Moles. Absent: Claire Ann Scaramella  
Julia called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Covanta Compliance**

Brian Moran, Covanta Compliance Officer and 6 representatives from the Holliston Transfer Station were present for the discussion. Covanta owns the Transfer Station and it is managed by Lawrence Waste Services, based in Medway. Information packets were supplied to the Board regarding the 2016-2017 Water Quality Study: test plan, Town Plan Approval, data results, and laboratory documentation.

Covanta would like to reduce the stormwater sampling from 4 times a year to twice a year; seasonally, in spring and fall, when the rain is most prevalent. The reason for reducing the testing is that it is hard to get 4 qualifying rain events a year. They are spending inordinate amounts of time trying to get a qualifying rain event.

Dan Peters, Sr. Environmental Engineer for Covanta, presented the packet's information to the Board. The test results met the requirements, but the last stormwater sampling's test results were inexplicably high. Brian, Scott and the Board discussed the information with the Covanta and Lawrence representatives.

Brian was pleased with the new stormwater street grates. They were replaced several times, finally replacing the concrete surrounding the grates, to solve the crumbling problem. Brian's other concerns have been resolved also. The Lawrence representatives said their biggest problem is haulers sending too much cardboard on a load, which violates the Waste Ban for percentage of recyclables. They return these loads to their origin.

Ryan Fillon, Transfer Station Manager, who works daily at the Transfer Station, said he is strict about trucks queuing early, before they open. This has occasionally brought in complaints. The trucks like to get in early because there is less traffic. Ryan warns the truck drivers once, and says if they do it again they will be banned from using the Transfer Station. Ryan scans around town daily to see if the trucks are queuing elsewhere in town. But if he misses a truck, Covanta recommends that the police should ticket the truck driver, to discourage that illegal practice.

Dan said he would speak with Brown and Caldwell, who designed the stormwater system, regarding the design capacity, so they can understand better about a rain event. The qualifying rain event needs a large amount of rain, followed by 72 hour period of no rain, then another heavy rain. This sequence doesn't happen often.

With the Rail Trail now going by the vernal pool, there may need to be signage for "no trespassing" or "no swimming," but that will be discussed in the future.

The Transfer Station representatives invited the Board to come visit them any time and see the facility in action.

Brian and Scott were satisfied with the Transfer Station's good management practices and efforts to maintain safe water quality. The Board agreed that it was appropriate to pare down the sampling from 4 times a year to 2 seasonal (spring & fall) samplings, with one additional testing this fall to try to show that the single high test result was an anomaly.

**Kylie made a motion to allow the Transfer Station to perform 2 seasonal stormwater samplings annually, and requiring at least one qualifying rain event per year. Also there will be one more sampling in the fall of 2017 to try to explain the single high sampling result. Julia seconded. Passed.**

The Board thanked the Covanta and Lawrence representative for coming in. The Covanta representatives said they want to be good corporate neighbors.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Julia and seconded by Kylie to approve the 6/22/17 minutes. All in favor.**

### **Approval of Bills**

The following bill was approve and signed:

Century Health Systems, VNA

\$375.00

### **Open Positions – Back-up Agent and Animal Inspector**

**Back-up Agent:** The Board discussed the 2 applicants for the back-up agent, to cover for Scott when he is not available. Since Ann McCobb had been the Holliston Health Agent for years, she was more qualified the other applicant. This position is like Paul Saulnier's, but will allow coverage of jobs where Paul was the designer.

**Kylie made a motion to appoint Ann McCobb as the Back-up Agent. Julia seconded. Passed.**

**Animal Inspector:** There are 2 candidates for the Animal Inspector position. The Board would like to invite them to the next meeting for an interview. Scott will contact them.

### **Health Director's Report**

**Flu Clinic – October 28, 2017:** The proposed date for the flu clinic was approved by the Board. The media can be sent out to the quarterly publications. This year the minimum age has been raised from 2 years to 3 years to alleviate the problem of giving half doses.

**Farm to Table Event** organizers requested that the food permit fee be waived as it is a non-profit fundraiser for the Friends of the Community Farm. The Selectmen have waived the Victualler Permit fee. The event is scheduled for August 19, and Len Izzo, Food Inspector has been notified.

**Kylie made a motion to waive the food permit fee for the Farm to Table event. Julia seconded. Passed.**

**70 Lake Shore Drive:** Scott received calls regarding the animals from 70 Lake Shore Drive being relocated illegally to 2 farms in Connecticut. Several State organizations are in contact with Scott regarding these animals.

Scott has followed up on the reports that the 2 pigs are back, in addition to the chickens, ducks and dogs. Only 1 dog has a license. Rebecca emailed Scott that she had pulled a no-trespassing order on Scott, but the Police said no such order had been pulled. Mary Bousquet, Town Treasurer, is still waiting on back taxes.

**Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program:** There was a mosquito testing positive for West Nile Virus in both Ashland and Milford, but none in Holliston yet.

**Housing Complaints:** Several housing issues were discussed and are being followed up on by Scott.

#### **Board Member Comment**

None

**Julia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. Kylie seconded. Passed.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 9-14-17