

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017

Present: Claire Ann Scaramella, Julia Lane and Scott Moles. Kylie Williams was absent.
Claire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Lexi White, of 40 Pamela Drive and a Westfield State student, told the Board she is taking a Travel Tourism Planning class this summer. She is attending various town meetings to gather information regarding the running of the meetings and to see how the Town plans for the future.

Approval of Minutes

None were approved.

Approval of Bills

Stantec – Compliance Officer \$259.50

Health Director's Report

Eclipse Issues: Parents of some of the campers from Challenger Sports Camp, which started on Monday have called with concerns about the eclipse and their children being outside during the eclipse period. Health Agent Scott Moles has answered the concerns and questions of the parents. He was at the camp Monday morning for inspection and spoke to the camp staff regarding best practices for the eclipse as well.

Stoddard Park: The Stoddard Park beach of Lake Winthrop was closed due to high bacteria counts for 2 days last week. It was retested twice and is now in compliance. The notice went to the Town via the website, Holliston Reporter and other social media.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Agent, Sheri O'Brien, resigned Tuesday evening. There is an outstanding open space issue at the Highlands of Holliston being currently negotiated.

157/194 Lowland Street: Property owner, Michael Brumber is in the process of renewing state permits. It was reported that construction debris and potential street sweeping were in the mulch piles. Scott said the piles were dug into and no evidence of debris was found. Additional sampling is being done by Mike Brumber and he is working on his applications. Health Agent Scott Moles and Conservation Agent Sheri O'Brien inspected the property.

Mosquitos: A positive mosquito was found in Milford, MA. No action plan is necessary yet in Holliston.

Animal Inspector Position

Health Agent Scott Moles told the Board that one of the two candidates for Animal Inspector, David Dubin, withdrew his application. Scott introduced Patrick PJ Kilkelly, the remaining candidate, attended the meeting. He reminded the Board that PJ had attended a recent meeting regarding an animal issue in his Chairmanship capacity with the Agricultural Commission (Ag-Com). Scott explained some of the duties, including completing the barn book and quarantine responsibilities.

PJ spoke about himself and his interest and experience in animal care and keeping. He is a member and chair of the Ag-Com, a founding member of the Holliston Community Farm and the owner of multiple and various farm animals. He told the Board he is passionate about animals, their care and farming. He has read the Animal Inspector job description and willing and interested in the position.

Scott recommended the Board appoint PJ as Animal Inspector.

Motion: Julia Lane motioned to nominate Patrick PJ Kilkelly as Holliston Animal Inspector, seconded by Claire Ann Scaramella. All in favor.

Board Member Comment

70 Lake Shore Drive: Claire Ann Scaramella asked about the status of the 70 Lake Shore Drive animals and site. Health Agent Scott Moles told the Board that he has been by the property and walked it in recent days and he sees no public health issue at this time. He will continue to monitor the situation.

164 Westfield Drive: Claire Ann Scaramella asked and Health Agent Scott Moles updated the Board of the situation at 164 Westfield Drive. The home owner is still in the nursing home. The home has been condemned and is locked and secured for entry.

The next meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2017.

Claire Ann Scaramella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Julia Lane seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 9-14-17