

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018

Present: Julia Lane, Laura Nola, and Scott Moles. Absent: Kylie Williams
Julia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Tobacco Permit Cap Request

Gina Stucchi, Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HCAAC) and students from the Anti-vaping Coalition (Holliston High School and Middle School) presented information regarding the dangers of vaping and their concerns regarding the tobacco industry targeting the young with sweet flavors. They explained that vaping was prevalent in the High School and even in Middle School.

Gina explained that she led a group of 20 students in an advocacy group over spring break, and they wanted to bring awareness to the dangers of vaping.

In an attempt to keep our youth safe and healthy, the students petitioned the Board of Health to limit the number of tobacco retailers in town by capping the tobacco permits at the current number, 10, and making these licenses non-transferable. So when one retailer leaves town, there will only be 9, and so forth.

The Board listened to the students and were surprised to hear the conditions at the High School, including bathrooms being closed because students were vaping in there. The Board was impressed with the students' presentations and agreed with exploring the concept of capping.

Sarah McColgan, Tobacco Control Director, Massachusetts Health Officers Association, spoke on the condition of our tobacco regulations. She said the Holliston regulations are old and need to be updated for the current state of the tobacco industries. Sarah said she could help with the wording and let us know what our surrounding communities are doing as a precedence.

Julia made a motion to have a public hearing on June 21 to discuss capping the number of tobacco permits and possibly discuss updating the regulations. Laura seconded. Passed.

Schedule for BoH Meeting

The Board of Health meetings for the second half of 2018 will be posted for the first and third Thursdays of the month. Laura and Julia said those dates were good, except Laura said she would miss the August 2nd meeting. The July 5 meeting would need to be confirmed for quorum, but Julia and Laura said that it was ok at this point.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 5/17/18 were tabled to next meeting.

Approval of Bills

None

Reorganization of the Board

Tabled to the next meeting due to Kylie's absence.

Health Director's Report

Summer Intern: Hannah Rutley, UMass Amherst Senior in Public Health and Sociology, is our summer intern. She is working in the Health Department digitizing records and other tasks, and working with Gina Stucchi and HDAAC.

Salmon Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) contract came in at \$6,500 per year. The VNA is budgeted for an annual total of \$2,000. We received the Salmon estimated bills for April and May and they are spending twice the time/money on each case compared to Century VNA. The Board instructed Scott to send Salmon a letter explaining this situation, and giving them an annual contracted offer of \$2,000.

Permit Fee Waivers Requests were discussed and motioned as follows:

- **Laura motioned that 172 Concord Street septic fee waiver requested by Brian Clancy, Holliston Housing Authority, be waived. Julia seconded. Passed**
- **Julia motioned that the Holliston Community Wellness Festival on June 2 Food Permit fee waiver requested by Lisa Brown be waived. Laura seconded. Passed**
- **Julia motioned that the Lion's Club Carnival (June 27 to 30th) Food Permit waiver requested by Pat Duffey be waived. Laura seconded. Passed.**
- **Laura motioned that the Community Farm Day on June 10th Food Permit fee be waived. Julia seconded. Passed.**
- The Touch a Truck on June 10th does not need a food permit because the food trucks attending the event have their Holliston 2018 food permits for the season.

Public Records Request: Rebecca Brodie requested all public records pertaining to her, 70 Lake Shore Drive and 755 Concord Street from 2017 to present via Town Clerk, Liz Greendale. Due to the extensive request, Liz requested a cost estimate to provide the records from the Town's departments. The records will be copied after the cost for doing the work is paid.

150 Lowland Street – Tree Specialist site visit was made by Scott regarding how to keep the odor down.

157 Lowland Street – Brumber RCC Permit: There is a 20 day comment period on the State's Recycling, Composting or Conversion (RCC) operation permit. Scott will meet with Town Planner, Karen Sherman, Building Inspector, Peter Tartakoff, and Conservation Agent, Ryan Clapp on Tuesday. One of the points is the third party inspector, who is selected by Brumber. The operation will have shorter hours. Laura asked about the stormwater. Scott said the Conservation Commission is handling stormwater.

Woodland School septic system is not in compliance. This is the Miller and Placentino Schools. The BOD is off. They are changing operators. Wastewater Treatment Services will be doing the maintenance services.

Housing inspections: There were 2 housing inspections since the last BoH meeting. At one of them, 1146 Washington Street, the owner changed and the new owner cleaned the place up, where two of the 4 units are Section 8 low-income housing.

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) will treat abandoned pools at no cost to try to mitigate the mosquito problems.

Summer Camps: At this time there are 2 summer camps registered in Holliston: Challenger Sports and Sky Hawks. More applications will be coming in as there are more camps scheduled this summer.

Beach water testing has begun and the results were within requirements. The beach won't open officially with life guards until June 16.

Welcome Laura Nolan our new Board member.

Board Member Comment

Laura mentioned that the smell of the cleaning solutions being used in town hall were making her feel sick. We said we'd ask that the cleaners start at the other end of the building to try to mitigate the problem.

Julia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Laura seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6-21-18