

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2018

Present: Julia Lane, Laura Nolan, Kylie Williams and Scott Moles.
Julia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Julia Lane motion to approve the BoH minutes from 6/21/2018. Kylie Williams seconded; All in favor.

Approval of Bills

None

Renewal of Stantec Contract

Health Agent Scott Moles presented the FY 2019 Stantec contract for monitoring of the Covanta Waste Transfer Facility site at 115 Washington Street. The contract hourly fee is increased from \$177/hour to \$180/hour for services.

Motion: Laura Nolan motioned to approve the FY 2019 Stantec contract as presented; seconded by Kylie Williams. All in favor.

Health Director's Report

15 Sparrow Lane Septic: Health Agent Scott Moles reminded the Board about the project at 15 Sparrow Lane; a contractor had driven over the newly installed septic system. The lull lift loaded with sheet rock sunk up to 18" in the mud and potentially damaged the system. Scott was at the investigation and was able to inspect the system. Both trenches and the distribution box were dug up, inspected and determined to not be compromised. There was no evidence of knifing of the infiltrators.

Covanta, Holliston Transfer Station: Last Friday Health Agent Scott Moles and Compliance Officer Brian Moran investigated an odor complaint at Covanta. Another odor complaint, received today was investigated by Scott.

A written request was received this week from Covanta regarding loading and outbound transfer of waste from the Station on Saturdays. The site assignment currently allows removal of waste on Saturday mornings between 7:00am and 10:00am, up to 7 trucks. The new request, on a case-by-case basis, will allow waste loading and removal from site between 8:00am and 1:00pm. The request will allow more waste to leave the Station and help to reduce odors, especially in the summer months.

The Board discussed the request and asked that the entire site assignment be reviewed to be sure all other requirements are being met and that consideration of neighbors is taken into account. If all requirements are met the Board will allow the request on a case-by-case basis with notification to the Board. Based on any feedback received the Board will revisit the issue as needed.

West Nile Virus (WNV): The State continues to update towns of WNV cases. As of today no cases have been found in or near Holliston.

Laura Nolan questioned the Lake Winthrop water testing exceedances Stoddard Park has had this month. Health Agent Scott Moles said there hadn't been any direct cause of the exceedances but there has been high usage of the beach and some heavy rain storms near testing times.

Tobacco Hearing Discussion: The Board has decided to hold a tobacco hearing on Thursday, 8/16/2018 to discuss the capping of the number of tobacco retail licenses in town and to re-visit the current tobacco regulations. Laura Nolan reviewed the draft from Sarah McColgan and had no issues with them. She felt the fines were too low to make an impact on people, especially for use on school property. The Board discussed the issue and Kylie Williams stated that the punishment should be commensurate with the crime and that the fines were appropriate. All members thought the important issues are to educate people, enforcement of regulations and the reintroduction of the regulations and a commitment to enforcing them. It was suggested that a brainstorm and communication session with the Holliston High School administration would be helpful. The Board will be sent a draft of new regulations one week before the scheduled hearing for review.

Marijuana Dispensary Regulations: The Planning Board is proposing setting up a committee to establish regulations regarding recreational marijuana dispensaries.

Board Member Comment

None

Kylie Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Laura Nolan seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8-16-18