

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018

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

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Julia and seconded by Laura to approve the 9/6/2018 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Sanofi Pasteur, vaccine for flu clinic	\$1,577.01
Salmon VNA, Maven work for August, 2018	\$351.75
MHOA Quarterly Meeting, Scott Moles	\$40.00

56 Paul Road – Failed Septic System

56 Paul Road has a failed septic system. The owner was allowed a Building Permit provided he submit an upgrade plan for his septic system, which was supplied, and approved 7-5-2016. The owner had promised to install the upgrade system by November 15, 2016. The system was never installed. The approved upgrade plan is valid for installation for 3 years, until 7-5-2019.

In August 2018, Scott sent a letter informing them that they need to upgrade their failed system and has received no reply.

In September 2018, the Conservation Commission had to do an “after the fact” determination for an unpermitted shed that the owner installed in August 2018.

In 2016 there were only 2 residents in the house with a 3 bedroom septic system. Now there are 5 residents living there, and the water usage is at capacity: 280 gallons per day for a 300 gallon tank.

Scott will send another letter to the owners explaining the situation. If he receives no reply he will bring it to the Board for further consideration.

Tobacco Regulations

The Board discussed the new tobacco regulations and agreed that they were ready for signing, but decided to wait until all 3 Board members were present to get all signatures.

Health Director’s Report

Barn Book: Scott has been working on the 2018 Barn Book, which is a census of the animals in town and their living conditions. There a few barns still to be visited, before the book is mailed off to Elsie Colon at the State Division of Animal Health. Elsie also asked that we get the Quarantine Order to her.

We will reach out to Dona Walsh, Animal Control Officer and get copies of Holliston 2018 Quarantine Orders and send them to Elsie. We have one Quarantine Order for the dog at 170 Morgans Way. Elsie asked that we note on that Order the disposition of the case.

Town Hall carpet replacement: The basement of Town Hall will have the carpet replaced starting on October 20th. It will take roughly 10 days to do this work. This carpet has been through 2 “water events” in the last 10 years, including the most recent one last winter. Carpets in the main level of Town Hall were replaced last year. The basement employees will be relocated during this time. We will find out the details of this project at a meeting with Jeff Ritter on Tuesday October 9th. We have communicated with Jeff that the timing is a problem for our flu clinic, asking to delay it one week, but have been told that is not possible.

Flu Clinic on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Placentino School will be complicated this year with the carpet replacement in the basement of Town Hall. The timing, starting the week before our clinic, will make our preparation more difficult. We will be moving all of our general supplies to a locked closet in the Placentino on October 19. Hopefully we can deal with any unexpected problems as they arise.

The carpet replacement project will affect the clinic to vaccinate Town employees that usually happens the week after the Placentino clinic.

Head School Nurse, Lynne Bowler, will be getting flu vaccine and supplies next week from us to begin vaccinating the School Staff.

Sharps Disposal Program had another pick-up of medical waste at the CVS who hosts our program. The program is well received by the residents, and CVS is doing a good job of notifying us when pick-ups are needed. The Health Department continues to sell sharps containers (large and small) at cost, to help residents dispose of sharps properly.

56 Chestnut Street heating oil spill, 60 gallons, in the basement. A Licensed Site Professional is investigating.

Solar Farm Marshall Street: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, is having preliminary meetings to investigate putting solar panels at the Marshall Street Landfill. Scott had inadvertently been not included in these meetings, even though it is the Health Department who oversees the Landfill. At this point Jeff had a grant for a Request for Proposal to research the feasibility of putting solar panels at the Landfill.

Scott has provided information regarding the site conditions, conservation considerations, and current uses, especially since we just got approval to put street sweeping there.

Before Laura had been on the Board, her engineering firm met with Jeff regarding solar panels at the Landfill. The discussion included concerns regarding settlement of the Landfill during solar construction, as well as the need to maintain the Landfill in accordance with DEP regulations. In addition, the discussion identified that the leasing arrangement for the project must include the expense of taking the panels away at the end of the leasing period when they are no longer in operation.

156 Lowland Street Inspection: Scott accompanied Jim McQuade from the State, on an unannounced site visit to ABC Recycling as outlined in the Site Assignment. Cassandra Brumber closed the site gate and wouldn't allow them onto the site saying their lawyer must be present. George Connors, their lawyer said he will be available for a site visit next week. Having their lawyer present makes it necessary for the State's attorney to be present. Jim will schedule the inspection for next week that will include Scott, Cassandra & Mike Brumber, and their lawyer, and the State lawyer.

9 Green Street is under foreclosure by the Town, and being considered by the Selectmen for purchase and converting into downtown parking. Scott wasn't notified of this topic at the Selectmen's meeting, but after the meeting, Scott has communicated to Jeff Ritter that he has concerns about the environmental impact of stormwater run-off from a previous gas station. Brian Moran, (a previous BoH member, our Covanta Compliance Officer, and engineer), has serious concerns also.

Jim McQuade from the State suggested in 2012, if 9 Green Street became a parking lot, the stormwater should be encapsulated and to put in monitoring wells. If stormwater is put into the ground, it could push contaminants off site. Monitoring wells were put at the Superette for protection. There is contamination liability to be considered before moving forward with this purchase.

Narcan distribution from the Health Department: Kathy Peirce, Holliston Assessor and Natick resident, talked with the Health Department about distributing Narcan to Holliston residents. Kathy said that Natick Health Department has a program to distribute Narcan. Family members of known addicts will have less stigma getting Narcan from the health department than from the police. Having Narcan is about "risk reduction" and helping their loved ones along their path to recovery.

Scott has reached out to the Natick Health Director, Jim White, and will talk with Gina Stucci, Holliston Drug and Alcohol Coalition regarding what we can do in Holliston.

Norfolk Street Residential Development: 7 new septic plans that were submitted for houses located off of Norfolk Street by the Town line. Scott sent his comments in a 10-3-2018 memo to the Planning Board, who are reviewing the stormwater requirements. This property is a Zone 2 because it abuts Well #1. There will be roof drains on these houses that will require maintenance, and needs to be communicated to all future owners.

Board Member Comment

None

Motion: Julia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Laura. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 11-1-18