

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2019

Present: Julia Lane, Kylie Williams, and Scott Moles. Absent: Laura Nolan
Julia called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Julia and seconded by Kylie to approve the 2/21/2019 minutes. Passed.

Approval of Bills

None

FY'20 Budget

Michelle Zeamer, Finance Committee (FinCom) Liaison, was present to discuss the BoH proposed budgets: the first with a 6% director salary increase, and the second that meets the FinCom directives. On March 5th Scott gave the FinCom a table of health directors in surrounding towns, and presented his request for a salary increase. He also proposed a freeze for FY21 salary or a 2 step salary increase. The FinCom had wanted a BoH member to be attending the meeting promoting the budget with the director salary increase. Kylie said she would attend the next meeting on 3/19/19 to represent the BoH.

Michelle said this year the budget is tight due to various changes and needs in the Town. After looking at the comparable towns' health director hours, the FinCom suggested that if they raised the director's salary they could recommend reducing the number of director hours. Scott said that would not serve the Town since Holliston is 100% septic system and those other towns have public sewer systems. The FinCom deliberations will happen in April.

Michelle, who had been a BoH member for 9 years, thanked the Board for their work on the upgraded Tobacco Regulations. The Board thanked Michelle for attending the meeting.

Health Director's Report

Director Evaluation: Scott met with the Town Administrator, Jeff Ritter and discussed performance.

Marshall Street Landfill solar farm draft RFP was shared with the Board. There will be a public meeting 3-25-19, and a meeting with the FinCom. There needs to be a BoH representative at these meetings. Scott offered to organize a walk of the landfill to see the cap.

Food Permit fee waiver requested for the St. Patrick's Breakfast, which is a fund raiser for non-profit groups: America in Bloom and Friends of the Community Farm. After Board discussion, **Kylie motioned and Julia seconded to waive the food permit fee for the St. Patrick's Breakfast. Passed.**

Feeding wild turkeys: A complaint was received that there was a resident who was feeding the wild turkeys on Maple Street. PJ Kilkelly, Agricultural Commission Chairperson, spoke with the

resident and explained the negative repercussions of feeding wild life and gave her information from MassWildlife. The resident was thankful for the information.

Rabies Clinic on Saturday April 6, 2019 will give free vaccinations to the first 150 customers (dogs, cats or ferrets) thanks to Banfield who purchased the Holliston Animal Hospital. Banfield has a program that donates vaccine to community clinics. Dr. Poling has generously donated his services for many years. Signs and press releases will go out next week. Kylie suggested we also post a flyer at the Food Pantry.

Board Member Comment

Julia said she would not be seeking re-election to the Board due to her change of employment, but she would certainly participate as a nurse in the flu clinics. Scott thanked Julia for all her contributions to our Town.

Kylie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Seconded by Julia. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 3-21-19