

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **August 15, 2019**

Present: Kylie Williams, Laura Nolan, and Scott Moles.  
Kylie called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Kylie and seconded by Laura to approve the 6/20/2019 minutes. Passed.**

### **Approval of Bills**

The following bills were approved and signed:

Salmon VNA & Hospice	\$268.00
Stericycle Sharps Disposal Program	\$105.00
Stantec Covanta Compliance Officer	\$3,063.00

### **Stantec Contract**

The Stantec contract for the Covanta Compliance Officer Brian Moran was discussed. Scott explained that there are some changes in Covanta employees, and the Board might want to put this contract out to bid next spring, but currently this contract is appropriate.

**A motion was made by Kylie and seconded by Laura to renew the Stantec contract as written. Passed.**

### **Public Hearing: BoH Permit Fee Schedule continued**

As a continuance of the Public Hearing from the last meeting, the Board discussed the proposed changes to bring the current fees, which were established in 2006, more in line with the surrounding towns. There has been no new input regarding this proposed changes. The hearing and fee changes have been posted on the Health Department bulletin board since June 2019.

**Laura motioned to close the Public Hearing on BoH Permit Fee Schedule. Kylie seconded. Passed.**

**Laura motioned to accept the BoH Permit Fee Schedule as proposed (attached) and have them go into effect January 1, 2020. Kylie seconded. Passed.**

### **Health Director's Report**

**BoH Candidates** ó The Board of Selectmen (BoS) said they could meet with the BoH on Monday September 9 for a joint appointment of the vacant BoH position. We will confirm the availability of the candidates and get a time on the BoS agenda, and let everyone know the timing.

**Next BoH meeting** ó Assuming the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is a go, the BoH will cancel the 9-5-19 meeting and move it to 9-9-19, after the joint meeting with the BoS. If 9-9-19 isn't available to all the candidates, then we can move to the next BoS meeting.

**Flu Clinic** ó November 23: The annual BoH flu clinic has been moved to 11-23-19 because of delayed vaccine production. The selection of the strains to be included in the vaccine was delayed due to late-emerging virus strains, and the epidemiologists delayed selection to improve the match that is anticipated to circulate during the 2019-2020 season. The delay explanation will be included in our flu clinic correspondence, and will affect all providers.

**Health Director Evaluation** with Town Administrator Scott thanked the Board for their support in adjusting his compensation. The new rate will start September 9<sup>th</sup>. Scott met with Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator and Mary Bousquet, Treasurer to review his 1 year contract.

**Happy Goat Farm**, 400 Norfolk Street, was shut down for a week due to high bacteria test results as sampled by the State, and have since reopened.

**Bertucci's** on July 26, 2019, Scott and Len Izzo, Food Inspector worked with the DPH as they followed up on Cyclospora cases, that were linked to basil from Mexico.

**Noise check** Scott went to Tree Specialties and recorded a 90 decibels (db) noise level due to their mulch operation. He recorded a level of 30 db on Lowland Street, and 70 db at Brumberø asphalt, grit and concrete operation at 157 Lowland Street (with all his equipment running). There were no calls to the Health Department office for noise complaints.

**194 Lowland Street**, Mike Brumberø mulch operation is complying with the Town to move the mulch off-site, as the met with Town Counsel last week.

**Mosquito activity** South Plymouth had the first human case of EEE this season. We have not had a case near Holliston yet, but universal precautions should be observed.

**70 Lake Shore Drive** there were noise and odor complaints from neighbors, so Animal Control Officer Dona Walsh did a drive-by on July 22 and there was no odor or animals visible.

**115 Washington Street Subpoena** A records request was received from the Town Clerk for the Covanta transfer station at 115 Washington Street regarding legal action of a Lawrence Waste truck driver from 2017. The requested records were provided.

**Solar Panels at Landfill:** The 7 candidate companies for installing the solar panels at the Marshall Street Landfill have been narrowed down to 4. The Board discussed their concerns about the stability of the cap and how this will affect the DEP permit. There were big ruts in the cap that have been corrected. There are concerns: that the street sweepings are not being spread properly; there is still settlement; and installing solar panels could cause stability issues. Scott said after the contractor is selected they will have to come before the BoH and the Conservation Commission, then Town Meeting and the DEP. It will be important to determine who is responsible for the costs of maintenance and decommissioning the panels, and who is liable for any problems.

**Flavored Tobacco** sales have been banned in Newton. Scott said the Holliston schools have been looking at the tobacco issues. Our updated tobacco regulations didn't address flavored tobacco.

### **Board Member Comment**

None

**Kylie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Laura. Passed.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 9-5-19