

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **March 20, 2020**

### **Teleconference: 1:45 PM**

This is an Emergency Meeting regarding COVID-19.

Scott read the Remote Participation Statement.

Present: Kylie Williams, Sean Fay, Laura Nolan, and Scott Moles.

Chief Mike Cassidy, the COVID-19 Incident Commander briefed the Board on the Town Emergency Declaration. He discussed the declarations allowances such as services, equipment, supplies and facility use.

Chairwoman Kylie Williams asked that the Board of Health discuss the concept of shelter in place and whether a vote was warranted. The Holliston School Committee voted to appeal to Governor Baker to declare a shelter in place order for the complete Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Kylie told the School Committee she would discuss the issue with the Board of Health. She discussed the merits of being proactive in the handling of the situation rather than reactive.

Members Laura Nolan and Sean Fay expressed their opinions that the measure was too extreme given our proximity. They both stressed the importance of getting messaging and information to the public on a continual basis to follow published guidelines. Chief Cassidy clarified the emergency status and recommended against the shelter in place status as well. The Board agreed that requesting a shelter in place order was not appropriate at this time. Concerns about unnecessary congregation in various areas were discussed, particularly along the Rail Trail. Kylie has posted on Facebook and will do so again to remind people to practice social distancing.

Scott updated the Board of the first positive case in Holliston. He received the information from Ann Labonte, Salmon VNA. Ann is doing all the follow-up with the patient and will report back to Scott.

All members discussed and agreed that lines of communication coming from Health Agent Scott Moles must be regular and frequent and he was in agreement. They should include any communications from Chief Cassidy, MEMA, Rep. Carolyn Dykema, and other Boards.

The Board planned the next conference call at 4:00pm, Monday 3/23/2020.

Sean Fay moved to end the meeting at 2:50, seconded by Laura Nolan. All in favor.

Respectively submitted:  
Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval date: 4-28-20