

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2020

Teleconference: 4:00 PM

This is an Emergency Meeting regarding COVID-19.

Present: Board of Health members: Sean Fay, Laura Nolan (Vice-Chair),
Scott Moles, Health Director & Agent
Lisa Deering and Ann Adams, Health Department Clerks
Lynne Bowler, Holliston Schools Head Nurse
Mike Cassidy, Holliston Fire Chief and COVID-19 Incident Commander
Tina Hein, Selectboard Member

Absent: Kylie, Williams, BoH Chair; Ann LaBonte, Salmon VNA

Laura Nolan, BoH Vice-Chair opened the meeting.

Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

Chief Mike Cassidy, the COVID-19 Incident Commander, briefed the BoH on the COVID-19 situation.

- Governor Baker issued an order for all non-essential workers to stay at home beginning on Tuesday 3-24-20 at noon
- Town Hall will be closed tomorrow noon, with essential staff working from home.

Scott Moles, Health Director shared that there were 2 cases of COVID-19 in town:

- One case tested positive, will be off quarantine on Wednesday
- Second presumed case is self-quarantining and waiting results
- Both cases were asymptomatic, but tested because exposure to suspected positives.
- It was clarified that the CDC requires a 14 day quarantine, and 3 days of no symptoms without symptom reducing medications during that time, before quarantine is lifted.
- Salmon VNA will continue to contact Scott with new COVID-19 cases
- Scott will email the BoH daily with updates
- The BoH will let Scott know when they need another Teleconference
- Scott's next DPH conference is Tuesday 3-24-20 at 3 PM

There was interest in having the Town notified of the two COVID-19 cases. Chief Cassidy said he will be releasing that information to the Town after the Select Board meeting tonight.

Chief Cassidy and Scott Moles said residents' calls are being directed to their primary care physicians, or to 211, the State information phone line, although there haven't been many.

Tina Hein, Select Board member, asked about the Town's preparedness and planning for a greater response. Chief Cassidy discussed:

- There are supplies. And more N-95 masks are on order, with an unknown delivery date.
- Creating a local shelter would not be appropriate.

- Should there be a large outbreak in town, there is limited hospital resources and we would need to be creative.
- Should residents need masks for essential travel, to doctors and such, there are supplies that can be shared. Chief Cassidy said that his staff wear masks, and mask the residents when they are being transported.

Sean Reese, Water Superintendent, told Scott that there is no problem with the increased water demand in the town.

There was some concern that certain recreational activities were still violating the social distancing concept. Perhaps the Rail Trail Committee could put some positive, educational signs up to explain the importance and execution of social distancing.

Everyone had their questions answered.

Laura Nolan motioned to close the meeting. Sean Fay seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams

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