

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

Zoom Meeting: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health: Kylie Williams (*Chair*)
Laura Nolan (*Vice-Chair*)
Sean Fay (*member*)

Scott Moles, *Health Director and Agent*
Lisa Deering, *Health Department Clerk*
Ann Adams, *Health Department Clerk*

Mike Cassidy, *Holliston Fire Chief and COVID-19 Incident Commander*
Lynne Bowler, *Holliston Schools Head Nurse*

Joshua Mann – *resident, 75 Wilkins Rd.*
Lisa Waterman – *resident, 136 Dorset Rd.*

Laura Nolan, BoH Vice-Chair opened the meeting.

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

Public Comment

Lisa Waterman is a nurse that has been spending her recent time triaging COVID patients for her work. She joined the meeting as an interested resident.

COVID-19

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

- 45 cases in Town, 23 recovered, 1 fatality, 21 still active. Posted on Town Website
- All cases from 37 unique addresses.

He stated that we were entering a downturn in the pandemic; and that physical distancing, face covering will continue.

Health Director Scott Moles said that the Fallon Group was going to Timothy Daniels Nursing Home to test all residents and staff.

He said that since we have had a facial covering mandate there have been 3 complaints in the office. Scott thinks it will be 6 six weeks to normalcy and people must continue to cover their faces.

Laura Nolan said she sees masks for the foreseeable future and questions what we can do to clarify the mandate. She does not want to see the Holliston Police Department gets calls for every infringement. A discussion continued as to how to clarify the mandate for the residents and how to distribute the information. Mike Cassidy suggested adding a clarifying phrase to the already voted mandate telling people to wear face coverings when physical distancing is not possible, mimicking the phraseology by the Governor.

Motion: Kylie Williams motioned, seconded by Sean Fay, to amend the published mandate as follows:

Face coverings must be worn in or at all public spaces such as parks, sidewalks, streets, paths (*including but not limited to the Rail Trail*), squares, or outdoor commercial areas such as parking lots and outdoor premises of retail locations *when individuals are unable to or do not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person*. Joggers and cyclists must adhere to the order along with pedestrians.

Kylie Williams: Yes, Laura Nolan: Yes, Sean Fay: Yes

The discussion continued about the requirement, the enforcement, and the phraseology. It was decided that the phrasing was too limiting in the amendment. The board decided to revote the amendment as follows:

Motion: **Laura Nolan motioned, seconded by Sean Fay, to amend the amendment as follows:**

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Kylie Williams: Yes, Laura Nolan: Yes, Sean Fay: Yes

Laura questioned the situation at the golf course and Anthony's on the Green. Scott said that Anthony's is hoping to do take-out meals and use picnic tables, similar to Out Post Farm. Scott explained that the golf course is run separately.

Scott said he has been doing spot checks on various businesses to see if mandate is being followed. He is generally pleased with his observations.

Director's Report

Scott Moles, Health Director, proceeded with other BoH business:

Marshall St Landfill Recycling Center will perhaps be opening may 23rd. Chief Mike Cassidy spoke with the DPW and reported opening will require users to wearing face coverings.

Town Elections: Laura Nolan asked about the process and Scott reported that Election Day is postponed until 6/23/2020 with limited hours of 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The Town Clerk prefers mail in voting for this election.

9 Green Street Committee has a 100 page report on the contamination that extends to Superette and the gas station. They are planning to take down the building. The stream is clean. The Superette's proposed septic system upgrade is on hold for now.

Septic systems upgrades: There are 6 scheduled perc tests this week and 5 last week with the additional strain on septic systems.

BoH Meeting Minutes: Kylie Williams motioned to approve the April 28, 2020 minutes, seconded by Sean Fay
All in favor. Kylie Williams: Yes, Laura Nolan: Yes, Sean Fay: Yes

Next BoH meeting 5/26/2020.

Covanta Inspection Report: The third-party report was sent to the Board today. Sean Fay reviewed it and said he thought they were in compliance.

Kylie Williams motioned to close the meeting at 8:16. Laura Nolan seconded.
All in favor. Kylie Williams: Yes, Laura Nolan: Yes, Sean Fay: Yes

Respectfully submitted:
Lis Deering
Approval Date: 5-26-20