

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health: Laura Nolan (*Vice-Chair*)
Josh Mann (*member*)
Tom Ellis (*member*)

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

Laura Nolan, BoH Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:10 PM
Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

Public Comment: None. No public present.

Welcome new Board members: Tom Ellis and Josh Mann

Board Reorganization:

Josh motioned to appoint Laura as BoH Chair. Tom seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Josh Aye, Tom Aye

Josh motioned to appoint Tom as BoH ViceChair. Laura seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Josh Aye, Tom Aye

Director's Report

COVID-19 case update:

- 56 COVID-19 cases in town, 0 active. We've had a week with no COVID-19 cases in town.
- Today there were no COVID-19 deaths in the Massachusetts.
- Governor Baker downgraded the mandatory 14 day quarantine on travelers to "advisory" as long as the travelers were from the N.E. States and not one of the hot-spot states.
- Chief Michael Cassidy, COVID-19 Incident Commander will be working with the State and schools on reopening protocols.
- Select Board said Town Hall will open at 50% capacity on July 9th, with all staff returning 7/6/20.
- Tom felt that Holliston had done well with regards to COVID-19 compared to the surrounding towns.
- Pinecrest Golf Course appears to have a problem with regards to social distancing and masks. Scott will follow up with them on compliance.

Fall Seasonal Flu Clinic: Beginning conversations and planning for the flu clinic. The High School will be 3-D printing face shields for our nurses.

Y'21 Budget - The FY'21 budget has been finalized and will go to Town Meeting on July 20th. Town Meeting protocol will have a reduced quorum requirement and the seating plan at the High School Auditorium will be configured to allow social distancing.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panels: TRC is continuing their investigation for the solar panel permitting on the Town's Marshall Street Landfill. A draft of the final plans will be submitted next week after their investigation. Kleinfelder, the Town's inspecting consultant, has been reviewing the Landfill and gas testing for stability for several years. Upon submission of the plan, the Health Department will be requesting an estimate from Kleinfelder for the solar panel review, to be paid by SolSystems. Beth Greenblatt, of Beacon-LLC, is coordinating permitting with the Town, utilities and DEP. The DEP site visit date has not been set. Arrangements for the necessary mowing by the DPW has been requested. Actual permitting will occur after Town Meeting when final agreements get voted.

Covanta – Bio-waste incidents

- Covanta operates the waste transfer station in Town that has a Site Permit from the BoH.
- There were 3 bio-waste incidents at Covanta recently involving Wellesley Trucking Company.
- Bio-waste has a cumulative effect as it contaminates the whole truck load, and transfer station if not caught early.
- The Covanta Transfer Station had to segregate 1/3 of the facility and clean and check for bio-waste during the last incident.
- Dan Peters, Covanta, has put measures in place to increase vigilance.
- Brian Moran is the Town's Covanta Compliance Officer, and does quarterly inspections.

Town Sharps Disposal Program is facilitated by the BoH, with CVS hosting the collection site. We sell sharps containers to residents at cost, and had paid for the waste disposal from grants (out of funding currently). We are currently seeking grants from Harvey Waste Company and CVS, since Republic Waste (who had given us annual grants) is no longer servicing Holliston. We may need to go to Town Meeting requesting funding.

Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for July 11, 2020 from 9 to noon at the Robert Adams Middle School.

Beach Closure:

- Town beaches closed 2 days (June 23 to 25) due to high bacteria count, and reopened after an acceptable retest.
- There is a Beach Closure Protocol that is followed and will be updated with the new Board members contact information.
- The beach water is tested every week for Stoddard Park and Pleasure Point.
- Typically geese, rain, crowds or hot weather can precipitate high bacteria counts.
- This summer the beach visitors will be residents only, helping keep the bacteria count lower. But this does reduce the Town revenue for beach passes.
- The Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Frank, and Conservation Agent, Ryan Clapp coordinate clearing of vegetation at the Lake.
- Security cameras have been installed at Stoddard Park.

BoH Meeting Minutes:

Laura made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Josh Aye, Tom Aye

Bills: Scott signed for the following bills:

- Stericycle Sharps Program pick up (\$105.00)
- Amazon for large sharps containers (\$57.90)
- Stantec Covanta Compliance Officer, Brian Moran (\$555.89)

BoH Meetings:

- Next BoH meeting Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 PM, Zoom
- The BoH can discuss if a different day or time is better for their meetings.
- Zoom participation will be an options as long as there is a COVID-19 state of emergency. After that it will need to be determined how remote participation will function.

Town Hall Keys: At some point, Tom and Josh will get a key to Town Hall so they can get to their mail box located in the Health Department. Scott will also send them the BoH Legal Handbook.

Board Comment: none

Josh motioned to close the meeting at 7:50 PM. Tom seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Josh Aye, Tom Aye

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams

Approval Date: 7-14-20