

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health: Tom Ellis (*Vice-Chair*)
Josh Mann (*member*)
Laura Nolan (*Chair*) arrived 7:08 PM

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

Tom Ellis, BoH Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:06 PM.
Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

Public Comment: None. No public present.

BoH Annual Appointments FY'21: The Board discussed the FY'21 Annual Appointments. Scott explained some of the positions for the new members. These are the same appointments as last year.

Laura made a motion to approve the FY'21 Appointments. Tom seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Director's Report

COVID-19 case update:

- We are in Phase 3, Step 1 of the re-opening, which allows outdoor activities including camps.
- Thursday, 7-9-20, the Town Hall opened to the public. There is cleaning of the high touch areas twice daily.
- Monday 7-13-20 the Treasurer's office converted to "by appointment only" due to high traffic.
- There have been 56 COVID-19 cases in town, with zero cases active. We've had 2 weeks with no new COVID-19 case in Town.
- Town Meeting will be Monday, 7-20-20, with 125 seats in the Placentino Cafetorium, and overflow seating in the gym. They are bringing in portable A/C units. It will be televised. Face covering and social distancing will be required. Sanitizer will be available. Chairs will be wiped down initially.
- The State has established free COVID-19 test sites in the high risk towns. Holliston is too low risk for a testing site.
- Salmon VNA has done our contact trace efforts. If they need help the State will step in.
- The breakdown of Holliston's COVID-19 cases has been mostly in group homes/assisted living.

School Re-opening plans:

- Scott has been working with the Town Administrator, Jeff Ritter, and Incident Commander, Mike Cassidy, on general COVID-19 re-opening. Jeff retired and a new Town Administrator, Travis Ahern, starts Monday.

- The School Department and School Board decide how to return to school, how to handle busses, classroom time vs. on-line... with input from The Select Board and the Incident Commander.
- Scott will review the State's recommendations for returning to school. The Department of Education has guidelines also. But it is the individual school districts that decide how to re-open in each town.
- The Board wants Scott to send recommendations to the School Board regarding:
 - Social distancing and masks
 - Providing PPE's to teachers and staff
 - Have a plan / Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for when a student / staff tests positive for COVID-19. Does the whole class/school quarantine? For how long?
 - Is there a quarantine room in each school separate from the nurse's office?
 - Will there be test kits available for the nurses to do on-site testing?
 - How will they tell the difference between seasonal flu and COVID-19?
 - Will the teachers be expected to screen sick students?
 - Are communications prepared to inform families of positive COVID-19 cases, and in the worst case death?
 - Should the BoH put "Returning to School FAQ" on the BoH website as parent resource?
 - Cleaning protocols: high touch areas 2 to 4 times daily
 - Desk shields and / or spacing
 - Take temperatures of incoming students / staff as a baseline. Anything over 100 degrees is fever and send home. How to send student home if they rode a bus? What's protocol for sending student / staff home?
 - Have option for students who, for whatever reason, are not comfortable with returning to the classroom

Y'21 Budget will be voted at Monday's Town Meeting.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panels: The DPW's grass mowing tractor is broken. They are trying to get another grass mower to prepare the site. The Solar Panels will be voted at Town Meeting.

Covanta Bio-waste incidents: There have been no new incidents. They are being more diligent.

Stantec:

- The renewal contract for the Covanta Compliance Officer for next year will be emailed to the Board for their review, and the Board can vote at the next meeting.
- Stantec bill for Covanta quarterly inspection was received - \$2,329.00

Laura made a motion to approve the Stantec \$2,329.00 bill. Tom seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Camps:

- Panthers Soccer Camp started this week, and they will see if they have another camp the week of August 1 depending on participants. Scott inspected the camp (34 kids). They had a staggered drop-off time, and that worked well. They have a porta-potty and are paying to have it cleaned after each use.
- Willow Brook Farms equestrian camp started last week with 10 campers, and will have 20 campers this week in 2 groups. Scott did a partial inspection, and will return for full inspection.
- There is a tennis camp that was using all the Town courts on Monday morning. Scott will confirm that it is the Town Parks and Recreation Department.

Pinecrest Golf Course - poor COVID-19 mandate compliance:

- Pinecrest golfers still do not appear to be wearing masks when not social distancing. It is not clear if they assume that once on the course those mandates don't apply.
- The practice tee area appears to be especially problematic.
- Does Pinecrest keep a list of golfers for tracing should a case of COVID-19 occur?
- Do they have an SOP for contacting golfers if there is a positive case of COVID-19?
- Scott spoke to Michael Fico after the last meeting, and thought they understood the problem.
- Scott will now send Pinecrest a letter explaining the mandate of wearing a mask when within 6' of others, even on the golf course. If they don't comply with this State mandate the Pinecrest management will be called in front of the Board.

Casey's Public House had a complaint regarding a patron drinking at the bar and not socially distancing. Scott spoke to the Casey's owner, and he will be more diligent.

Mosquitos:

- There have been 2 cases of positive mosquitoes for both West Nile Virus and EEE in the State.
- Holliston contracts with the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) for their whole year program of sampling, testing, larviciding, adulticiding, culvert maintenance, and sending us regular reports.
- The spraying schedule is posted on the Town website and press releases sent to several new outlets including HollistonReporter, MetroWest Daily, and Holliston Cable 8.
- The mosquito sampling sites are typically at Lake Winthrop, Summer Street pond, and bodies of water that are known as breeding sites from years of testing.
- Residents can call CMMCP with their concerns.
- This will be the 2nd year of a heavy EEE cycle, and we may see more EEE in the next 4 weeks.
- Last year Holliston went from low risk EEE to high risk because of a young (unvaccinated) horse dying.
- We had a tire take-back program last year to try to reduce the breeding grounds and reduce EEE. We may try to do that again this year. It is coordinated with the CMMCP.

BoH Meeting Minutes:

Laura made a motion to approve the June 30, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Board Comment: The Board felt that Tuesdays at 7:00 PM were good times for BoH meetings.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

Josh motioned to close the meeting at 8:15 PM. Tom seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams

Approval Date: 7-28-20