

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

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

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

Laura Nolan, BoH Chair opened the meeting at 7:01 PM

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

Public Comment: None.

Stantec engineer and Covanta Compliance Officer for the Town Brian Moran updated the Board on the Covanta Transfer Station. It is in excellent condition now and they seem to be on top of the medical waste problem that had occurred earlier this year. Saturday Covanta transferred some loads of waste, and there were no complaints regarding that. Brian has been our Town's Compliance Officer for 10 years, and he had been on the BoH for 15 years. The Stantec contract for the Compliance Officer is up for renewal. There are no changes in the terms or fees of this renewal contract.

Laura motioned to renew the Stantec Compliance Officer contract for FY'21. Josh seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Green Street: Brian is on the Green Street Committee. He discussed the status of the property: It is currently contaminated with Trichloroethylene (cleaning solvent) and would need expensive remediation to make the site useable for anything beyond a parking lot. The site is zoned an Aquafer Protection District, requiring that the water be at drinking standards. There will be additional testing in August. State funding for such remediation typically goes to economically disadvantaged towns, or for beneficial situations such as where the property is next to a school. It is the Committee's recommendation to turn it into a parking lot. Clean-up can continue once it is paved. The Board thanked Brian for his contributions and service, and he left the meeting.

Director's Report

COVID-19 case update:

- There have been 58 COVID-19 cases in town, with 1 still active, and the other active case having completed the 14 day quarantine. Salmon VNA does the follow-up on these cases.
- Town Hall is open to the public. The main floor departments are operating by appointment only, and the basement departments including the Health Department are walk-in service.
- Travel forms are now required for anyone coming from the high risks states: outside of New England, NY, NJ and Hawaii. Travelers are required to fill out a form explaining where they were with contact information, and to quarantine for 14 days. Non-compliance will result in an escalating penalty up to \$500. Starting in August, the local Boards of Health will be notified of travelers, and will require travelers to comply with this new mandate. Non-complying travelers will be issued a verbal warning, then written, then increasing fines of up to \$500.

- COVID-18 is basically stable in the State except for a few localized spots like Chatham. Mask (face covering) wearing is doing a great job and has the contact rate at 1.3.

Pinecrest Golf Course - good compliance:

- Pinecrest golfers are doing a better job of social distancing and mask (face covering) wearing.
- Pinecrest wanted to have a function that included a band. Scott visited them and they worked out how they could have a small band and tables distanced for compliance. There were no complaints.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panels: The grass got cut and is the Landfill is ready for inspections. Kleinfeld will do their cap inspection next week. The State will look at it after that. Then the BoH will get the Solar Panel plan. Scott will keep the Board posted.

Camps:

- Willow Brook Farms equestrian camp is this week with 15 campers, all wearing masks.
- Next week is Panthers Soccer Camp with 25 kids in 2 groups. They will all have masks and plenty of water, being extra careful of the need for hydration in this heat. They have a porta-potty that they clean after each use.
- The tennis camp/lessons on the Town courts is part of the Town Parks and Recreation Department. They have 2 hour lessons over a 4 hour block. Director Mark Frank is following proper COVID-19 guidelines.

Mosquitos:

- The State has tested over 3,000 samples.
- There have been 13 positive mosquitoes for West Nile Virus, and 11 positive mosquitoes for EEE in the State. The towns where these positives have been found were raised to “moderate risk” and include: Carver, Middleboro, Plimpton, Newton, Belmont, Boston and Brookline.
- This is still the bird biting mosquitos currently. Last year was “high risk” for EEE, and it is anticipated it may be a problem again this year.
- Holliston is currently still low risk, but residents should still pay attention and use universal precautions of wearing long sleeves when there are mosquitoes around.
- Holliston contracts with the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) for their mosquito management, and residents can contact them with questions. We post this information on our Town website and send it to the media.
- Scott will look into ways of informing residents to be alert to EEE mosquito awareness.

School Re-opening plans:

- Schools re-open in September, but there may be a 10 day delay.
- Scott will meet the new School Superintendent next week.
- The School Department has 3 groups working on the return in this time of COVID-19: Transportation, Remote Learning, and Full Activity.

BoH Meeting Minutes:

Laura made a motion to approve the July 14, 2020 BoH Minutes. Tom seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Board Comment:

- Tom is interested in having a health fair in Holliston, after COVID-19 is resolved. He said the vendors could pay a fee to come promote healthy options, and would be restricted from specific

brand marketing. He thought the fair could be several hours on a Saturday. They could do cancer screening and have information about various health options.

- Josh suggested a blood drive so that people could feel good about doing more to help out.
- Laura offered her event planning expertise, and thought perhaps we could have a BoH calendar that promoted various timely health items.
- The Sharps Disposal program and seasonal flu clinic were discussed.
- Budgeting was discussed. The Health Department is mandated to perform certain duties, such as infectious disease reporting, regardless of budget. If we exceed the budget, then we must go to the Finance Committee for assistance. Fund-raising was discussed regarding our Health Department, which is a funded office.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

Laura motioned to close the meeting at 8:18 PM. Tom seconded.

Roll call: Laura Aye, Tom Aye, Josh Aye

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams

Approval Date: 8-11-20