

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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 7:00 PM
Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health Roll call: Laura-Aye, Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

Public Comment: None.

Travis Ahern, new Town Administrator introduced himself and gave his background. He encouraged the Board to discuss their goals with him and welcomed all input. The Board thanked Travis for meeting with them, and look forward to working with him.

Director's Report

COVID-19 case update:

- There have been 63 COVID-19 cases in town, with 4 still active.
- The latest case is a person under 18 year old. Most cases in Town have been older and in group homes. The Board asked Scott to provide more demographics for the Town's cases.
- Casey's Public House had some problems with COVID-19 mandate compliance and is now using the 14 day tracking log for customers.
- Amanda DelPrete of Inspire Dance Studio, Water Street, is talking with Scott about resuming classes, using smaller class sizes and COVID-19 precautions.
- Holliston Historical Society has events coming up that are in flux regarding acceptable size of gatherings. There are 2 weddings that will down-size from 65 to 50 persons (in August), and 70 to 50 persons (in September). There are smaller events that will be below 50 persons, and held outdoors if possible.
- Governor Baker has reduced the allowable gathering size to 50, and RI is now on the "High Risk" travel advisory.
- On the State map that Scott sent the BoH, Holliston is listed as Low Risk. The High Risk towns will have more focus on them to reduce their COVID-19 case numbers.
- The Health Department spoke with the Children's Community Childcare regarding COVID-19 safety procedures, and they are doing well.
- Mark Frank, Parks & Recreation Director, will be extending the camps by 2 weeks since the school opening is delayed. This will mean 2 additional weeks of beach water testing.

School Re-opening plans:

- Holliston Public Schools will be reopening September 16 (a 2 week delay), using a hybrid model of classroom and remote learning. The Schools were required to vote and submit to the State their reopening plan, and it is posted on their website.

- The Board is concerned that the BoH has not been involved in the reopening planning, and instructed Scott to send the Schools a letter with the Board's recommendations.
- Scott will send the School's reopening plan and a draft recommendation letter to the Board for their review.
- Josh wanted to go on record that he is disappointed that the BoH was not consulted in the formulation of the reopening plan.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panels: The grass got cut, and is the Landfill is ready for inspections. Kleinfelder will do their cap inspection on Thursday. The Solar Panel plan paperwork needs to be in queue soon to get the grant money. After that the BoH will get the Solar Panel plan for review. Scott will keep the Board posted.

Camps:

- Panthers Soccer Camp went well.
- Football camp had some reports of not social distancing. Scott visited the camp and they were distanced at that time.
- Hockey camp is being discussed so that all the COVID-19 compliance procedures are followed.

Mosquitos:

- There has been a human case of EEE (Middleboro) and WNV, and the State has started aerial spraying those areas.
- There have been no animals tested positive for EEE.
- Generally, aerial spraying by the State starts once there is a mosquito testing positive for EEE in the town.
- Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, CMMCP, is contracted with the Town (and surrounding towns), and does year round work to minimize the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses.
- Street and high risk areas are sprayed routinely during the season via a CMMCP truck. They are in town on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, and their schedule is posted on our Town website and sent to the media. The police get the actual street spraying locations each day, and it is public record.

Seasonal Flu Clinic is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 9 AM to noon. Tom volunteered to help at the clinic. We have been talking with the State regarding their requirement to enter every immunization into their MIIS system. Doctors' offices have come into compliance since the 2011 establishment of this requirement, as have 3 large town/municipalities: Wellesley, Brookline and Barnstable County. We know of no town comparable to Holliston that is doing this immunization reporting due to staffing/cost reasons. Tom suggested we consider doing pneumococcal immunizations at some point for seniors.

BoH Meeting Minutes:

Laura made a motion to approve the July 28, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded.

Roll call: Laura-Aye, Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

Board Comment: None.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference. Note this is an hour earlier than usual meeting time due to a Select Board Public Hearing.

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

Roll call: Laura-Aye, Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams

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