

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **August 25, 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*  
Mike Cassidy - *Fire Chief, COVID-19 Incident Commander*

Laura Nolan, BoH Chair opened the meeting at 6:01 PM (one hour earlier than normal due to a conflict with the Select Board public hearing)  
Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

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

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Director's Report**

#### **COVID-19 case update:**

- There have been 69 COVID-19 cases in town, with 5 active.
- The additional cases are not from the same household.
- Masks are generally being worn, even at the golf course that had been a problem.
- Group gatherings are a bit of a problem, possibly causing the uptick in cases.
- Refreshing the fading signage regarding COVID-19 mandates (face coverings and social distancing) would be good.
- Laura asked for more upbeat messages and community based signs. Signs will be delivered to her for posting on the Rail Trail.
- There has been some problems with young teens gathering, specifically at Goodwill Park, and who will enforce the compliance. Scott, Mike Cassidy, Police Chief Matt Stone and Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Frank will meet and discuss enforcement so there will be agreement and consistency.

#### **School Re-opening plans:**

- Scott and Lisa spoke with Lynne Bowler, Head Nurse for Holliston Public Schools and Catherine Harkin, Placentino Nurse regarding the Schools re-opening plan. The Health Department will be working with them to help a safe and smooth process.
- Scott will send the Board the decision chart the Schools will use to determine how to handle various scenarios of COVID-19 cases.
- Department of Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) & DPH are giving reopening guidance to Schools. It varies by cohort group and grade.
- The towns are color coded by risk level. Holliston is listed as white-lowest risk.
- The BoH doesn't make the decision on reopening schools.
- The Massachusetts Governor is requiring all students get a flu shot by year end, possibly impacting the flu clinic we are planning.
- The school buildings will not be open to anyone including parents (bringing forgotten items) for safety reasons. Their protocols may impact our flu clinic.
- The teachers have not yet ratified union decisions on returning to the classroom.

**Josh motioned to send the Schools the letter that had been drafted regarding reopening, praising and offering support. Tom seconded. Passed.**

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

**Seasonal Flu Clinic** is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 9 AM to noon. The various venues and procedures were discussed. Having a separate clinic for our seniors will be investigated. Looking at technology solutions to help alleviate wait lines or crowds will be explored. There are many unknowns at this point due to the uncertainty of the schools reopening. Flexibility and planning will be important. Planning for bigger crowds, and needing more volunteers due to the COVID-19 requirements are important. It is clear we will need more and better communications tools, including more A-Frame signs, since we are sharing signage resources with the Town Clerk for voting.

**Laura motioned to ask the Select Board for money from the Cares Grant for 5 A-frame signs and the associated supplies to support COVID-19 communications. Josh seconded. Passed.**

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

The Board discussed the need for additional efforts to plan this year's flu clinics with the COVID-19 requirements and the new MIIS requirements for reporting immunizations to the State. Michelle Zeamer, Finance Committee was asking Scott what additional COVID-19 resources were needed this year, and additional clerk hours would be critical to running these clinics.

**Laura motioned to ask the Select Board for money from the Cares Grant for additional clerk hours for planning and implementing the flu clinics with this year's COVID-19 restrictions. Tom seconded. Passed.**

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

**Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panels:** The Solar Panel plan paperwork has been submitted to the State and they need to do their inspection. After that the BoH will get the Solar Panel plan for review. Scott will keep the Board posted.

**Camps:** The Panther's Football may do one more camp the first week of September.

**Mosquitos:**

- There has been 3 human cases of EEE statewide that can be seen on the State DPH website.
- The dry weather is keeping the mosquitoes down, but that may change with the oncoming rain.

**BoH Meeting Minutes:**

**Laura made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded.**

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

**Bills:** The following bills were presented and discussed:

Salmon VNA – COVID-19	\$1,541.00
Salmon VNA – Other diseases	\$301.50
WB Mason – Toner	\$184.54
J&B Medical – flu clinic syringes & needles	\$553.99
Amazon – flu clinic supplies	\$80.60
Amazon – COVID-19 supplies, masks	\$639.60
Amazon – COVID-19 supplies, gloves	\$147.80

The supplies burn rate for the Salmon VNA were discussed. The Board was briefed on the budgets and Michelle Zeamer, Finance Committee Liaison to the BOH will be kept updated.

**Tom motioned to accept and approve the bills as listed above. Laura seconded. Passed.**

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

**Board Comment:** Laura will not be present at the next meeting, however Tom & Josh said they will be present so quorum will be met.

**Next BoH Meetings:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

**Laura motioned to close the meeting at 7:05 PM. Tom seconded.**

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams

Approval Date: 9-15-20