

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health: 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, arrived 7:45pm*

Laura Nolan (*Chair*): *absent*

Tom Ellis, BoH Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

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

Board of Health Roll call: Tom-Present, Josh-Present

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report

COVID-19 update will be addressed later in the meeting until Chief Cassidy can get off his other meeting.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panels: TRC took samples of the Marshall Street landfill cap on Wednesday, and the clay layer looked good. Kleinfelder finished their quarterly review. TRC will submit their design plan, and the BoH will have the opportunity to review that plan. There will be a walk through before it is too cold.

Camps: Flag football had another camp with appropriate modifications of wearing masks and having running plays only, no passing or tackling.

Mosquitos: The lack of rain, dry season has reduced the EEE (4 cases, no fatalities) and WNV from the severe risks experienced last year. Although some towns (Cambridge and Newton) are experiencing EEE cases.

School Re-opening plans:

- Dr. Susan Kustka, Holliston Interim School Superintendent, will meet with the BoH at their next meeting on September 29, 2020. 7:00 PM
- The elementary school begins school tomorrow, then middle school and finally the high school.

34 Railroad Street LUA is moved to next meeting due to abutter notifications that were not mailed correctly.

BoH Meeting Minutes: Tom made a motion to approve the August 25, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded.
Roll call: Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

Bills: The following bills were presented and discussed:

J&B Medical, clinic supplies	\$553.99
Amazon: office & cleaning supplies	\$39.49

Tom motioned to accept and approve the bills as listed above. Josh seconded. Passed.
Roll call: Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

COVID-19 update:

- There have been a total of 77 COVID-19 cases in town, with 6 still active.
- The Board received the age breakdown of all of the cases. Additionally, the Board requested a breakdown of the active cases alone. There were no active cases below 10 years old.
- 20 to 29 years old was the largest age group for cases
- The age range of cases will be monitored for patterns with the opening of schools
- Scott clarified that when there is a positive test within a cohort, persons with direct contact (15 minutes within 6') will be tested and quarantined also.
- Several employees in Town Hall were tested and negative for COVID-19
- Framingham has become a red-zone, hot spot for COVID-19 per the State map. Holliston is still green (<4 cases per 100K). The State map is updated Wednesdays at 6 PM.
- Josh is concerned that the re-opening of the schools could cause an uptick in cases like in Israel. He wants to be proactive.
- Tom wants the electronic sign to be utilized in reminding people of masks use, perhaps linked in with the DPH's Halloween guidance coming out soon. Perhaps the sign can announce the flu clinic cancellation first.
- The Board discussed the need of tracking mask compliance at the schools. It was decided that the teachers and school administrators should be given the benefit of doubt that they are doing this.
- The high school is currently exchanging cloth furniture for hard plastic washable furniture before the classrooms are used.
- The classrooms are being spread out with retards to spacing to facilitate social distancing.

Seasonal Flu Clinic is canceled due to the pandemic. It is safer for residents to get their flu shots in a less populous setting, from pharmacies and doctors, than in a large scale clinic gathering. The flu clinic had been an important community service before pharmacists could administer shots. Now immunizations are readily available and large gatherings are prohibited. The Board commended the Health Department and their volunteer team on their phenomenal job with the clinics.

Chief Cassidy arrives and discusses the pandemic and the canceled clinic. He said if there was still a need for additional clerk hours due to COVID-19 related work that the Board could vote and request it. There has been significant Health Department work that has been delayed due to pandemic required work.

Tom motioned to request additional clerk hours for COVID-19 related work. Josh seconded. Passed.
Roll call: Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

Board Comment: Laura Nolan, BoH Chair, may participate in the next meeting from her travel location.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

Tom motioned to close the meeting at 7:53 PM. Josh seconded.
Roll call: Tom-Aye, Josh-Aye

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams

Approval Date: 9-29-20