

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

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

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

Absent: Laura Nolan (*BoH Chair*)

Thomas 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: Thomas Ellis-Present, Josh Mann-Present

Public Comment: None

Director's Report

COVID-19 update:

- COVID-19 cases: Total = 121
- Last week's case uptick was mostly in the 20 to 29 age bracket.
- 6 cases at the schools:
 - 5 cases at the Middle School: 3 staff, 2 students
 - 1 student case at Placentino Elementary School
 - Letter sent home to parents / care-givers
 - DESE protocol established for reopening is being followed
 - BoH is concerned about the speed of COVID-19 growth. Scott said it is in line with other towns.
 - BoH wants more representation at critical meetings, and asked to be included on the COVID-19 related meeting with the school, along with Scott and Chief Cassidy.
 - A single Board member may be able to attend as a BoH liaison. Scott will investigate and get back to the Board. It is important to not violate the Open Meeting Law if multiple Board members meet without a 48 hour posting.
 - Schools get their COVID-19 data faster than the State MAVEN system, especially depending on where the COVID-19 testing was performed: doctor's office or clinic.
 - Josh expected the whole school to go remote because of these cases. He stressed that it is naïve to think that lower elementary students can maintain the 6' distances, and we should assume the worst case.
 - Suzanne Alderman, a school bus driver, said the Placentino nurse has given the bus drivers strict seating charts (for tracing) and protocols for cleaning and operating a safe environment, commending the schools for their diligence.
 - Josh said the school staff are also working hard to follow protocols and doing a great job.
- The Board is concerned that things are changing rapidly and should meet more frequently.
- It is important to base decisions on data not social media postings.
- The Board asked why Holliston and Milford are Red, high risk towns and the other surrounding towns are not. Scott said our Long Term Care case "bloom" will be coming off of the count and that will move us to lower risk. Being a small town we move between the risk colors faster than the larger towns.

- Holliston is still a Red (high risk) community on the State map, and will remain Red for another week.
- COVID-19 related records request was received from media, and the proper response is being discussed. We are not required to generate data comparisons for them. It was sent to all surrounding towns.
 - Massachusetts Health Officials Association said they may reply to the records request as a group.
- Halloween message was discussed
 - The Board wants to encourage low risk choices. Perhaps the message should be stressed again in communications. See Town website for Halloween information.
 - A sign reading: “Low Risk Halloween Choices, see Town website” will be put out front Town Hall tomorrow.
 - Milford isn’t canceling door-to-door trick or treating to avoid folks gathering at indoor parties.
 - Lions Club has a treat delivery on Halloween parents can register for.

Truck Traffic Covanta: Suzanne Alderman, 46 South Street, had asked the Board to reduce the Covanta truck traffic on South Street. Suzanne said the residents have cameras set up, and residents sit outside recording the traffic.

Brian Moran, Covanta Compliance Officer for the Town, presented the sign that Covanta posted on their weigh station at their site exit. The sign states “truck traffic on South Street is prohibited.” Tom Stanwood at Covanta has been very cooperative in all matters. The Board would like to invite Tom to a meeting.

Brian Moran will try to get the truck traffic photos from Tina Hein, Select Board Liaison to BoH, and determine which trucks went to Covanta. Tina has an article on the Town Meeting for a town-wide traffic study. It is important to remember that not all South Street traffic is Covanta related. There are many sources of truck traffic in Town.

Covanta Site Assignment is up for renewal. Discussing these traffic concerns should happen before it is renewed.

BoH Meeting Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the October 6, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded. Roll call: Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Bills: The following bills were presented and discussed:

Stantec- Covanta Compliance Officer, Brian Moran	\$2530.00
Stericycle – Sharps Disposal Program	\$140.00

Thomas motioned to accept and approve the bills as listed above. Josh seconded.

Roll call: Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Next BoH Meetings: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference. Note change in day of week due to Election on November 3rd.

Board Comment: None

Thomas motioned to close the meeting at 8:00 PM. Josh seconded.

Roll call: Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams

Approval Date: 11-4-20

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