

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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*

Fire Chief Mike Cassidy, *Emergency Director*
Michelle Zeamer, *Finance Committee Liaison to the BoH*

Absent: Laura Nolan (*BoH Chair*)

Thomas Ellis, BoH Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:01 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 = 154, 34 active, 13 in schools.
- We are now experiencing family spread, not big cluster spread.
- There is no pattern or trend detected from contact tracing, as in apartments.
- School Superintendent Kustka reporting that the cases are coming from the family to the schools, not the schools spreading to the family/community. The Schools put out a new parent guidelines regarding students returning to school. The School has posted COVID-19 case data on their website.
 - Josh feels that the new policy is good and the Schools are doing an excellent job.
- Holliston remains a Red (high risk) town on the State COVID-19 risk map.
- Thomas wanted to understand why Holliston is Red (high risk) while surrounding towns like Hopkinton are not. Are we doing something incorrectly? Scott said Holliston is following the same protocols as the surrounding town, but the case bloom at the Long Term Care facility started us into Red and we've not been able to get off Red since.
- Josh mentioned that there was violation of the face covering mandate at the political gathering. The Police were present but chose not to escalate the issue.
- Governor Baker's Order 55, requiring masks always when in public (no exception if more than 6' apart) was discussed.
 - Michelle Zeamer asked if the Governor had that authority. Scott said that was going to be addressed in upcoming State meetings.
 - Scott said enforcing face covering compliance has not been a problem, usually a simple reminder brings compliance. We are happy to offer masks, signage and education.
 - If there is non-compliance that must be addressed outside of Health Department office hours, residents are instructed to contact the Fire Chief Mike Cassidy, Emergency Director.
- Additional tightened State restrictions by the Governor are:
 - Restaurants must be closed by 10 pm. This curfew will affect several businesses in town, most significantly Casey's Public House.

- Gathering sizes are reduced to 10 persons indoors and 25 persons outdoors.
- The Board wants more mask wearing educational signage, especially the electronic signs again. They are currently being used by the DPW. We will ask for a turn on the signs when it becomes available.
- Last week Chief Cassidy did a Billboard phone and email blast to the entire Town regarding COVID-19 protocol and compliance.
- Scott will try again to request more clerical hours from the Cares Grant, to offset the normal Health Department work that is not getting done due to COVID-19 related work. Michelle Zeamer said she would mention it at her Finance Committee meeting also.

1700 Washington Street requests removal of the Restrictive Covenant on Septic System:

Peter Barbieri, Esq, is requesting the BoH release the septic restriction on 1700 Washington that was put in place when the lot was parceled with 1750 Washington Street. Now that they are separate lots, he believes the restriction should be removed. The restriction was discussed. Peter will draft the Covenant Release wording and give it to Scott and the Board before the next BoH meeting. Josh and Thomas want Laura's weigh in on this issue also.

Covanta Site Assignment is up for renewal. Scott and Brian Moran, Covanta Compliance Officer for the Town, are almost ready to issue the Covanta Site Assignment renewal letter. Scott will send it to the Board when it is complete.

Open Meeting Law and general BoH information was sent to the Board. The Board said was helpful and there were no questions at this time.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panel Farm plan will be submitted to the State by the end of next week. Beth Greenblatt will come before the Board to update them on the solar panel project. There will be a public comment opportunity in December. The plan needs to be signed by the first week in January. The Town won't get their first payment of the Soltec lease until the submission is to the State.

Wonderland Pizza opened in the location of the previous Holliston House of Pizza, 459 Washington Street. They paid for a full year food permit but will only get to use the 7 remaining weeks of this year. They asked if the Board would extend their food permit till the end of 2021.

Thomas motioned to extend the Wonderland Pizza annual food permit expiration date until December 31, 2021. Josh seconded. Roll call: Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

BoH Meeting Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 BoH Minutes. Josh seconded. Roll call: Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Bills: There were no bills to approve this meeting.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference

Board Comment: Thomas noticed the overflowing garbage can at Goodwill Park, and wondered who was responsible for the upkeep. Scott said he would get in touch with Mark Frank, Director of Parks and Recreation Department and be sure that problem is addressed.

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: 11-17-20