

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health: Thomas Ellis (*Vice-Chair*)
Josh Mann (*member*)
Laura Nolan (*BoH Chair*), *joined later*

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

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

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 Street 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 at the last meeting but Josh and Thomas want Laura's weigh in on this issue so we will wait for her to join the meeting. Peter suggested the BoH vote to release the restriction contingent on getting the wording from Town Counsel, Jay Talerman.

BoH Meeting Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the November 4, 2020 BoH Minutes.
Josh seconded. Roll call: Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Bills: The following bills were reviewed and approved:

G&L July Beach water testing	\$280.00
G&L August Beach water testing	\$350.00
Salmon VNA MAVEN, Cares/COVID	\$4,438.75
Salmon VNA MAVEN, BoH work	\$607.00
Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer	\$1,656.00

Thomas made a motion to approve the bills as listed above.

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

Director's Report

COVID-19 update:

- COVID-19 cases: Total = 181.
- Chief Cassidy sent a good summary email. The Board asked if they could always receive his update emails. Perhaps that summary could be posted on the Town website.
- 5 cases in schools. The School website has lots of School COVID-19 data posted.
- Holliston remains a Yellow (medium risk) town on the State COVID-19 risk map.
- 18 face covering message signs were mounted on the Rail Trail, thanks to Robert Weidknecht, Rail Trail Committee.
- Eight A-frame signs with face covering messages are strategically located around town. Two additional signs were ordered from the Region 4A/B grant last week.
- Scott got 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.

Laura entered the meeting. The subject returned to 1700 Washington Street septic restriction release.

1700 Washington Street continued: Laura discussed what the Board had heard and asked if there were any concerns. All questions were answered.

Laura made a motion to approve the septic restriction release contingent upon getting the wording from the Town Counsel Jay Talerman. Thomas seconded.

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

Covanta Site Assignment: Scott sent the Covanta Site Assignment renewal letter to the State. The DEP will comment on the letter and there may be another round of comments. Laura asked about the capacity of Covanta. Scott had emailed the Board a photo of the new tipping floor there.

Town Hall Septic: Town Hall septic system is being upgraded. The current leach field location, beside Town Hall and the driveway, is too small. Using the Green in front of the First Congregational Church was abandoned when the Church asked for a large sum of money. There are two other places the leach field can be located, behind or in front of Town Hall. Behind Town Hall will require a 2 stage pump to raise the septage to the leach field. In front of Town Hall will require landscaping to remove and replace the bricks and memorial. Paul Saulnier, P.E., Civilized Solutions, James Keast, Town Facilities Director and Scott are investigating the options. Scott will keep the Board posted.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panel Farm plan will be submitted to the State by the end of next week. Scott had sent the Board an email from Amanda Wade, TCR with the Holliston Landfill Solar Post-Closure Use Permit Application. The Board asked if there was something shorter than 600 pages they could read. They need the Board's comments before Christmas so the permit can be submitted in January. There will be a public comment session in December. Thomas asked if the Board could be presented to also. Beth Greenblatt will come before the Board to update them on the solar panel project.

Thanksgiving COVID-19 message: The Board recommended that residents follow the Governor's orders of smaller, low-risk gatherings. Josh asked what the Pantry Shelf was doing for Thanksgiving. They are continuing to provide food to the needy, and residents are encouraged to contribute. See the Food Pantry website for recommendations. Scott spoke to them, and they have enough PPE's. There is concern about the traffic at the Outpost Turkey Farm. Outpost has instituted a strict order pick-up schedule and the police will be supporting a safe venue.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference

Board Comment: All 3 Board members plan to be present to the December 1st meeting.

Laura motioned to close the meeting at 7:52 PM. Thomas seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams

Approval Date: 12-1-20