

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

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

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

Laura Nolan, BoH Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

Board of Health Roll Call: Laura Nolan-Present, Thomas Ellis-Present, Josh Mann-Present

Public Comment: None

Bills: The following bill was reviewed and approved:

Amazon, office supplies, glue and correction tapes \$20.79

Laura made a motion to approve the bill as listed above.

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

BoH Meeting Minutes: Laura made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 BoH Minutes.

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

COVID-19 update:

- Total COVID-19 cases = 300, 30 active cases
- Holliston remains a Yellow (medium risk) town on the State COVID-19 risk map.
- Town COVID-19 case demographics were sent to the BoH; showed the largest increases in the 20-29 and 30-39 age brackets.
- Schools had 48 cumulative cases. More statistics can be found on the School website.
- There is a positive case in Town Hall. Protocol has been followed.
- Governor Baker has rolled back the opening up to Phase 3, Step 1, with reduced gathering sizes and occupancy, and changed quarantines timings.
- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been approved and started being administered. Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine is looking to be approved next week.
- The vaccine distribution timeline has 3 categories taking care of high-risk / high exposure individuals first.
- As with Thanksgiving, holiday gatherings should be limited, following low-risk protocols.
- Signage locations were shared with the Board. Signs will be checked after the storm.
- The Board reported that mask compliance was good on the Rail Trail.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Array: The Board was emailed a draft of the solar array plan. The Board requested hard copies of the plan: they will be delivered to them. Scott will be meeting

with Travis Ahern, Town Administrator and Rennie Freeman, SolSystems to establish a timeline. There will be a public meeting on January 11, 2021. The Board wants to have a presentation at their January 5, 2021 meeting so they can get their comments to the Select Board before January 11, 2021.

Laura asked who had final approval for the Solar Array, and Scott said the Select Board does; the Board of Health submits their comments to the Select Board. Laura would like to get the responses from Greenblatt and Friedman to the memo from Kleinfelder principal engineer Rob Kenneally. Scott will provide that to the Board.

Tobacco Control Manager Olivia DuFour for the MetroWest District presented to the Board. She works in the region for several towns, to provide information, education and enforcement for the new tobacco regulations. Olivia explained the new MA State tobacco regulations are stricter, ultimately targeting the youth vaping epidemic. She will be contacting our 10 tobacco retailers in Town. We will include her information in our annual tobacco permit mailings. Olivia would need to be nominated and sworn in (by the Town Clerk) as our Tobacco Agent to do Tobacco Regulation Enforcement on the BoH's behalf.

Josh made a motion to nominate Olivia DuFour as our Tobacco Agent.

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

Town Hall Septic upgrade budget was approved at Town Meeting. When there is a final design, the engineer will need to come before the Board for variances and final approval.

Health Director Performance Evaluation was emailed to Laura from Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, requesting input from the Board by December 21. Laura will compile the input from Thomas and Josh and return it to Travis. Scott will meet with Travis for his self-evaluation. The Board can discuss this with Scott at their next meeting.

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference

Board Comment: Josh said Dr. Zisblatt, our Health Consultant, spoke highly of the Health Department and our work with the flu clinics.

Laura motioned to close the meeting at 8:02 PM. Thomas seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams

Approval Date: 1-5-21