

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

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

FY'22 Budget Preparation: The BoH will meet with the Finance Committee March 16, 2021 at 8:05 pm, the same night as our BoH meeting. The BoH meeting start time has been moved earlier to 6:30 PM to facilitate transitioning to the Finance Committee meeting.

The FY'22 budget includes additional clerical hours, to make both Health Department clerk positions 30 hours/week (benefited). The documentation for justifying increasing the clerical hours was discussed by the Board. Laura will draft a letter to the Finance Committee (FinCom) supporting the additional clerk hours.

The Board reviewed the budget and discussed the line items that we have no control over such as the Salmon VNA contact tracing costs during this pandemic. The Board stipend was discussed. Josh asked if that could add to a pension. Scott will get back to him on that. The seasonal influenza clinics are not mandated by the State and funded by a revolving account, not in the BoH budget. The rabies clinics are recommended by the State.

The Board asked that the BoH FinCom Liaison, Michelle Zeamer be invited to our next meeting to go over the recommended budget.

COVID-19 update:

- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Town = 591
- Current active COVID-19 cases = 87
- Holliston is a Yellow (moderate) town on the State's COVID-19 risk map.
- There are some issues with signing up for appointments on the State system.
- Linda Marshall, Senior Center Director, is organizing volunteers to help eligible seniors to get appointments for vaccination, and transportation if necessary.
- Medway Town Administrator was quoted in the papers wanting 2,200 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Scott spoke to the Medway Health Agent and they have no information regarding getting the vaccine.
- The schools are still exploring getting the teachers raised up in priority for COVID-19 vaccination.
- There are 9 active COVID-19 cases at the Holliston Public Schools. The spread is not happening in the Schools.
- Scott is still trying to reach out to other communities to latch on to a clinic.

- Thomas thinks we need to think about how we are going to give COVID-19 vaccines in the years to come, as this is not going away.
- Josh asked if the DPH is tracking the new COVID variants. Scott said there are 2 cases of variants in MA.
- Josh asked about the rapid testing capability the Schools were looking into. Scott said that the Schools must survey the parents to determine population buy-in, before they apply for the grant to acquire the rapid test equipment.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Array: The Select Board has signed the application and sent it to the State. This is the same version as was presented to the Board of Health. If changes happen, the Board will be notified. The Board can choose to send a recommendation letter to the Select Board.

Tobacco Compliance: Olivia DuFour, Tobacco Agent, completed her inspections of the 10 tobacco retailers in Town with regard to the new signage, and there was 100% compliance.

Town Hall Septic: Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, is back in discussion with the Congregational Church regarding the placement of the Town Hall septic system.

1137-1143 Highland Street: Scott recommended that the Board release the bond to Janet Pegararo for the shared system that was taken in 2007. The shared system has been recorded on the deeds and Janet is no longer the owner.

Laura motioned to release the bond for 1127-1143 Highland Street to Janet Pegararo having completed the required documentation. Thomas seconded.

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

Bills: The following bills were reviewed and approved:

Salmon VNA COVID-19, paid through CARES grant	\$5,594.50
Stericycle- Sharps Program waste disposal	\$140.00

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

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

BoH Meeting Minutes: Laura made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 BoH Minutes.

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

Health Director's Performance Evaluation: The Board and Scott discussed his performance for the past year and their expectations for the next year.

Board Comment: None

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

Laura motioned to close the meeting at 8:46 PM. Thomas seconded.

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

Respectfully co-submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Laura Nolan, BoH Chair

Approval Date: 2-16-21