

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Thomas Ellis (*Vice-Chair*)
Josh Mann (*member*)
Laura Nolan (*Chair*), arrived at 7:02 pm

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

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: Laura Nolan-Present, Thomas Ellis-Present, Josh Mann-Present

Public Comment: None

COVID-19 update:

- Holliston continues to be a Yellow (moderate risk) town on the State's COVID-19 risk map.
- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Town = 805
- Schools have 2 active COVID-19 cases at the Middle School.
- The regional collaborative COVID-19 clinic at the Westborough DoubleTree Hotel is going well. The 12 to 15 year olds are getting vaccinated. There are walk-in vaccination options.
- The Town vaccination rate is good. The breakdown can be seen on the Town website.
- Monday, May 18, Governor Baker lifted COVID-19 restrictions to align with the CDC's recommendations. Effective May 29 all industries will be permitted to open. All industry restrictions will be lifted with the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations. Gathering limits will be rescinded. June 15 will end the State of Emergency.
- People who are not fully vaccinated are advised to continue to wear face-coverings.
- Indoors face-coverings will remain required for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers.
- Effective May 18, the youth and amateur sports guidance will be updated to no longer require face-coverings for youth athletes 18 and under while playing outdoor sports. Effective May 29, all youth and amateur sports restrictions will be lifted.
- The Town camps will finish the current programs with the existing face-covering protocol, and transition to these lifted protocols with the new programs.
- The Board discussed the Town's face-covering mandate the BoH voted on April 28, 2020. They were in favor of rescinding the 2020 mandate and following the State's guidance.
- **Laura made a motion to rescind the face-covering mandate voted on April 28, 2020.**
Thomas seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed
- The face-covering reminder signs around Town will be taken down.

- The MAVEN contagious disease (including COVID-19) work will continue to be done by our contracted nurses at Salmon VNA.
- In support of Salmon's COVID-19 efforts, the Contact Tracing Collaborative is fully funded through June, and on a reduced contract through September.

FY22 Budget was approved at Town Meeting. Scott thanked the Board members for attending.

Covanta Waste Transfer Station's provisional permit was reviewed by Scott Moles and Brian Moran, Covanta Compliance Officer. This provisional permit is in place for 30 days. The old permit had a closure bond of \$228,000, which will need to increase in the new permit. The new permit will be good for 10 years.

Tobacco Zoom meeting on the new vape products will be happening soon. Scott will keep the Board posted.

Goals for 2021: There are some regulations that will need updating this year: the Well Regulations (that are from 1983) and some discrepancies in the fee schedule (Building Release Form A shed and deck requirements and retail residential kitchens).

BoH Meeting Minutes: Laura made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 BoH Minutes.
Thomas seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Bills: Salmon VNA, contagious disease MAVEN invoice for \$4,723.50 dated 5-10-21.
Laura made a motion to approve the Salmon VNA invoice for \$4,723.50.
Josh seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Thanks to departing BoH member Laura Nolan: Laura thanked the Board and Health Department for the last 3 years of working together. The Board members thanked Laura for her service, contributions and mentorship. The Health Department shared their appreciation for Laura's leadership, knowledge and commitment. Laura will be missed by all.

Board Comment: None

Next BoH Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

Laura made a motion at 7:44 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Thomas seconded.
Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Respectfully:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6-15-21