

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## July 6, 2021

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

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

Brian Moran, P.E., *9 Green Street Committee*  
Ralph Tella, *CHMM, Lord Environmental, Inc., LSP for 9 Green Street Committee*

Thomas Ellis, BoH Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Scott read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-present, Josh Mann-present, Jay Leary-present

**Public Comment:** None

**9 Green Street:** Ralph Tella, Licensed Site Professional (LSP) for 9 Green Street Committee, updated the Board on the well sampling done by Groundwater Environmental Services (GES) regarding the reportable condition (chlorinated VOC) at the Smith Row well. Ralph is working with the DEP and Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, to retest the area to check the data reported by GES. It may take 30 days to get the results from that retest. The DEP has a 60 day requirement for a management plan or closeout of the Release Tracking Number.

The Board asked Ralph questions about the situation. Ralph mention that until recently the observed solvents were sold commercially to fix clogged septic systems. Brian Moran, 9 Green Street Committee, said it wasn't clear if this may have been there for years because they never tested for it.

Brian also suggested the groundwater flow maps be updated. They need to be sure this isn't connected to 9 Green Street. The groundwater test wells at 9 Green Street will remain after the building is demolished.

Scott said that these test results are located too far away from the wells currently in service to impact the drinking water supply. At this point resampling and retesting to confirm the GES results is appropriate. Ralph will send the scope of the work and cost estimate to Scott and Travis. Scott will keep the Board up to date.

### **COVID-19 update:**

- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Town = 811, with 0 active cases, 7 fatalities.
- Holliston remains a grey (low risk) town on the State's COVID-19 risk map.
- The regional collaborative COVID-19 clinic at the Westborough DoubleTree Hotel is closed. The Board was sent the clinic stats.
- Holliston has good vaccination rates.
- Josh wants Scott to have a plan for a Town clinic to administer COVID-19 booster shots.

- Jay said there is no COVID-19 booster yet.
- Josh wants to understand how Hopkinton had a Town COVID-19 clinic.
- Josh wants to be proactive and not rely on the CDC or DPH timing. Thomas would also like to be prepared.
- Scott will prepare a plan for a clinic. Emergency Director Michael Cassidy (Fire Chief) should be included in this plan. The Collaborative Clinic in Westborough had the advantages of having EMT's on staff and a large venue (hotel) that Holliston doesn't have.

**BoH meeting format:** The Board discussed the meeting format and decided to do in-person for the next meeting, moving to hybrid meetings, that included remote participation, when that becomes available.

**Local Upgrade Approvals (LUA):** Proposed septic system upgrade plans to replace the leach field at the Dunkin' Donuts, 441 Washington Street requires an LUA for the Advantex system. It is the same 6" variance to high groundwater they received in 2011 when they installed the initial Advantex system. At that time Advantex DEP designation was Remedial, and now it is General Use.

The system failed due to the excess of flour. Steps have been taken to mitigate this problem by better Operations and Management (O&M) and staff training. Scott will let the Board know if a public hearing is required, and send information to the Board so they may vote on it at the next meeting.

**Stantec contract** renewal for the Covanta Compliance Officer will be sent to the Board for voting at the next meeting. There are no changes from last year.

**Carnival** starts Wednesday and runs through Saturday. Food permits have been issued.

**Minutes:** Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15. Jay seconded.

**Roll call:** Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye, Jay Aye. Passed

**Bills:** None

**FY22 Appointments:** The Board discussed the annual appointments.

Thomas made a motion to accept the FY22 Appointments. Jay seconded.

**Roll call:** Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye, Jay Aye. Passed

**Board Comment:** None

**Next BoH Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall Room 014.

Thomas made a motion at 8:08 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Josh seconded.

**Roll call:** Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye, Jay Aye. Passed

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 7-20-21