

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021

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

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

Absent: Josh Mann (*ViceChair*)

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

Public Comment: None

COVID-19 update:

- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Town = 812, with 1 active cases, 7 fatalities.
- Holliston remains a grey (low risk) town on the State's COVID-19 risk map.
- Department of Health cancelled its COVID-19 update call.
- They are watching the COVID-19 Delta variant.
- Scott is working on putting together the Board's requested plan for a COVID-19 booster shot clinic.

Smith Row well testing: Ralph Tella, Licensed Site Professional (LSP), Lord Associates, is working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the testing of the Smith Row well. DEP has recommended testing the 2 nearby houses: 2 Smith Row and 29 Central Street. Lord Associates will draft the scope of services and the letters (to the 2 residents requesting access for testing) for the Select Board to act on.

68 Maple Dell Lane septic installation- neighbor complaint. The rear neighbor called to complain about water discharging onto his property during the septic system upgrade at 68 Maple Dell Lane. The septic upgrade designer Eric Dickinson instructed the installer Collin Mayo-Fiske to pull the sump pump discharge pipe back from the property line and have it discharge into a stone swale so there is no direct discharge. The sump pump discharge is a civil matter and not related to the septic upgrade. The abundance of rain is exacerbating the water issue.

Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) Requests:

- **441 Washington Street:** 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. The system failed because they weren't servicing the chambers and the staff was allowing flour down the drain. These problems have been remedied.

Thomas made a motion to approve the requested LUA of a 6" reduction to ground water (from 4' to 3.5") for the Advantex system at 441 Washington Street.
Jay seconded. Passed.

- **703 Washington Street, Town Hall Septic upgrade** proposed plan was reviewed by the Board. Scott explained the plan and timing. A Local Upgrade Approval of a 1' reduction to groundwater (from 5' to 4') is being requested.

Jay made a motion to approve the requested LUA of a 1' reduction to ground water (from 5' to 4') for the 703 Washington Street proposed septic system.

Thomas seconded. Passed.

Jay made a motion to waive the septic plan review and inspection fee for the Town Hall septic upgrade.

Thomas seconded. Passed.

Stantec contract renewal for the Covanta Compliance Officer was discussed by the Board. There are no changes from last year.

Thomas made a motion to approve the Stantec contract renewal for the Covanta Compliance Officer. Jay seconded. Passed

Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 2021. Jay seconded. Passed.

Bills: The following bills were discussed:

G&L Laboratories, beach water testing May	\$70.00
G&L Laboratories, beach water testing June	\$350.00
Salmon VNA – Contagious disease for June	\$368.50
Stantec – Covanta Compliance Officer	\$1840.00

Thomas made a motion to approve the above 4 bills as listed. Jay seconded. Passed.

Beach water test result at Pleasure Point was an exceedance and is being retested. Retesting the same day as the exceedance allows the beach to remain open until results are received the next day. Two weeks ago, both Stoddard Park and Pleasure Point had exceedances and the retesting results were passing. The heavy rains impact the sampling.

BoH Meeting Schedule: The Board discussed the next meeting timing and format. We may not have quorum for August 2 so we are proposing to move the next meeting to August 10th. It was also suggested it might be a hybrid format to allow for remote participation. This will be determined in the next week.

Board Comment: None

Thomas made a motion at 7:55 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Jay seconded. Passed.

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8-10-21