

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021

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

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

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

Bills: The following bills were discussed:

Salmon VNA –COVID-19 from CARES Act	\$5,025.00
BoH contagious disease	\$100.00
Total:	\$5,125.50

Stantec –Covanta Compliance Officer, Brian Moran	\$2,116.00
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GateHouse Media – Public hearing Newspaper Notice	\$26.88
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Thomas made a motion to approve the Salmon VNA bill. Jay seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Thomas made a motion to approve the Stantec bill. Jay seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Thomas made a motion to approve the GateHouse bill. Jay seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021. Jay seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Breakfast with Santa- Sunday, December 5th - Lion's Club request a waiver of the food permit fee for this community event.

Thomas made a motion to approve the Breakfast with Santa fee waiver request.
Jay seconded. Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

COVID-19 update:

- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Town=959, active cases 9
- Holliston remains at yellow risk level by the State's COVID-19 designation.
- Extending the mask mandate for municipal buildings was discussed. The Board wants to follow the DESE recommendations for the schools and extend the mandate.

Jay made a motion to extend the mask mandate in municipal buildings until December 8, 2021.
Thomas seconded. Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Local Upgrade Approvals – 67-75 Central Street hearing – Rob Truax, GLM

- Rob Truax presented the proposed tight tank septic upgrade plan for 67-75 Central Street.
- It is a small lot with little options.
- The plan for this tight tank had been approved in 2005 but was not installed. It has been re-approved now and made a requirement for occupancy along with other provisions as noted. Previously the tenants had been using a port-a-potty or bathrooms of surrounding businesses.
- The tight tank will be located under the parking lot.
- The nature of the system and pumping requirements were discussed.
- Kathy and Bob Skerry, abutters were present at the meeting and were pleased that this tight tank will finally be installed.

Thomas made a motion to accept the LUA requests for 67-75 Central Street as outlined in the plan dated 9/22/21 presented with the 4 provisions: a contract with an approved septic hauler, an annual inspection of the alarm system, pumping records reporting the amount pumped sent to the Health Department, and installation of the tight tank prior to building occupancy.

Jay seconded. Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Mosquitoes: Holliston remains low risk category for Eastern Equine Encephalitis as there are no cases in tested mosquitoes. There is one new human case of West Nile Virus in Middlesex County, but the risk is lowering with the cooler weather. The Board continues to recommend taking precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito exposure.

Health Department Staff changes are underway as one clerk is retiring. Candidates are being interviewed.

Town Clinics:

- Holliston Public Schools seasonal flu clinic Friday, November 5th at the 4 school buildings, with immunizers from MetroWest Pharmacy. The Health Departments helped with facilitation.
- Senior Center is talking with MetroWest Pharmacy about having a COVID-19 booster clinic. The Health Department will help with advertising as needed.
- MetroWest Pharmacy is willing to facilitate a Town flu clinic on Saturday, November 20th.
- The Board is willing to work the clinic on November 20th.
- We will explore the options for vaccinating uninsured persons.

Tobacco Compliance Tobacco Violation Fine: Holliston Superette has until November 1st to pay their fine. Scott will continue to work with Superette to be sure this is handled in a fair and timely manner. Jay said he spoke to Olivia DuFour, Tobacco Program Manager, and she said the State rules have some flexibility. Scott will confirm the rules and what is negotiable.

Next BoH Meeting is November 9, 2021.

Board Comment: none

Thomas made a motion at 8:03 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Josh seconded.

Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: