

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

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

Scott Moles, *Health Director and Agent*
Ann Adams, *Health Department Clerk*
Kristin Abraham, *Health Department Clerk*

Fire Chief Michael Cassidy, *Emergency Management Director*
Cynthia Listewnik, *Holliston School Committee Chair*

Absent: Thomas Ellis (*Holliston BoH Chair*)

Josh Mann, BoH ViceChair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Scott read the Remote Participation Statement.

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

Public Comment: Liz Theiler-Bourque, 17 Norland Street, wanted the Health Department to deliver the mask advisory signs to businesses. She visited 4 business and said they didn't seem to know about the signs. Scott said the signs had been emailed to all businesses with the offer to deliver them if needed, and many signs were delivered. Jay said that the Board had not requested the Health Department staff to deliver the signs and they weren't policing the posting of the signs.

Holliston Public Schools COVID-19 update:

- Cynthia Listewnik, Holliston School Committee Chair, gave the COVID-19 update for the Holliston Public Schools.
- The COVID-19 cases are falling at the Schools.
- MA Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE) indoors school mask mandate expires on February 28, 2022.
- Holliston Public School Mask Subcommittee will meet on Thursday to discuss face covering policy at the Holliston Public Schools. With February 28th being the first day back in school after February break there is some thoughts that wearing masks for a bit longer might mitigate the problem of COVID-19 cases with families coming back from travel. Many school systems have chosen to wear masks for an additional week or so. The subcommittee welcomes parent input.
- Cynthia asked if the BoH would be running a COVID-19 clinic should children 6 months and up become eligible for vaccination. Scott said it is recommended that infants get vaccinated by their doctors.

FY-23 Budget:

- Scott advised the Board of the corrected FY'23 Health Department budget totaling \$168,610.
Josh made a motion to accept this corrected FY'23 budget totaling \$168,610. Jay seconded.
Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.
- The Board and Scott discussed the Finance Committee meeting that they will be joining after this meeting to present this budget.

Housing issue: Scott updated the Board on the foreclosure at 33 Cheryl Lane.

Minutes: Josh made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 1, 2022.

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

Bills: The following bill was discussed:

Amazon – OakRidge Products – 1 gallon sharps containers, case of 32 \$132.00

Josh motioned to approve the OakRidge sharps containers bill. Jay seconded.

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

Town COVID-19 Clinic:

- Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 to 11:00 am, at Town Hall, 47 COVID-19 doses were administered. There had been 61 appointments for the clinic, with no information on the no-shows.
- Transformative Healthcare will brought a team of immunizers and the Health Department staff were present.

COVID-19 update:

- Mike Cassidy, Emergency Management Director gave a rundown of the active COVID-19 cases in Town and the current statistics.
- There are 24 cases of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 2197.
- The number of active cases and positivity rate are declining.
- Holliston remains in the red risk level by the State's COVID-19 designation.
- Holliston's vaccination rate is good.
- Mike Cassidy explained that the vaccination rates over 100% are because the Stated started using the age bands based on the 2010 census data and has continued with that data for consistency through the pandemic, even though there is more current age bands available.

Next BoH Meeting is March 1, 2022.

Board Comment: None

Jay made a motion at 7:27 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Jay seconded.

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

The Board adjourned to join the Finance Committee meeting regarding the Health Department FY'23.

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 3-1-22