

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Thomas Ellis (*Vice-Chair*)
Josh Mann (*member*)
Laura Nolan (*Chair*), arrived at 7:18 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: 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 = 797, 38 active cases
- Schools have 9 active COVID-19 cases: 2 at the Elementary and 7 at the High School
- The regional collaborative COVID-19 clinic at the Westborough DoubleTree Hotel will have as clinic targeting the newly eligible 16 to 18 year olds on Saturday, May 8th. It turns out this is the same day as the SAT test (morning), but the clinic will have afternoon hours also. The Westborough clinic will be having walk-in hours at some point.
- Pfizer is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently approved for 16 to 18 year olds.
- Gillette and Natick vaccination super-sites will be closing with more vaccine getting shunted to local sites.
- In general there is more availability of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Josh asked about vaccine fatigue and addressing road blocks to getting folks vaccinated.
- The weekly chart at the MA DPH website outlines vaccination rates by towns. Holliston is 41% fully vaccinated. Holliston is doing well compared to surrounding towns and the State.
- As of April 26th the State guidelines have been relaxed to allow no masks required outside if social distance can be maintained. Masks are still required inside and for sports. Guidance continues to evolve.
- Memorial Day Parade protocol is being developed.
- The COVID-19 variant from India has not been observed in MA yet. Fall River is the closest COVID-19 variant recorded near Holliston.
- The Schools are working on plans for a safe graduation and prom guidelines.

Laura Nolan joined the meeting.

FY22 Budget will be voted at Town Meeting, Monday, May 10th at 7:30 at the High School. The Board will try to attend. A BoH meeting will be posted for 7:00 in the HS library should the Board want to discuss the budget. The Board may be called upon to defend their budget request for additional clerk hours.

Farmer's Market: In speaking prior to the meeting with Bobby Blair, this year's farmer's markets will begin June 20th. At this point there are no food vendors requiring a food permit. Farmers selling produce don't require a food permit. Bobby will send any food vendors to us if they need a permit.

Covanta spring storm water sampling was done. They will wait for the next eligible storm event (2" rain) for a summer sampling.

Cutler Heights, 79 Hollis Street, has a failed Presby septic system. There has been septic field break-out. A field inspection showed a clogged speed leveler. The maintenance manager, Eric, will contact an engineer to identify a remediation. They have tried to have the residents use odd/even laundry days to help mitigate the breakouts.

Town Meeting will be voting on the following:

- Town Hall septic upgrade easement negotiations with the First Congregational Church
- Demolishing building at 9 Green Street

BoH Meeting Minutes: Laura made a motion to approve the April 20, 2021 BoH Minutes.

Thomas seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Bills: Laura made a motion to approve the Norwood Urgent Care COVID-19 test for \$142.68.

Thomas seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Board Comment: None

Next BoH Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference.

Laura made a motion at 7:36 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: 4-18-21