

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

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

Scott Moles, *Health Director and Agent*
Ann Adams, *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

COVID-19 update:

- There are 2 active cases of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 2238.
- The number of active cases and positivity rate are declining.
- Holliston lowered to a green (low) risk level by the State's COVID-19 designation.
- Cynthia Listewnik, Holliston School Committee Chair had sent an update to the Board saying the case numbers were heading in the right direction.
- The Holliston Library has lifted their mask mandate as of 3-10-22.

58 Maple Dell Lane- Local Upgrade Approval

- Dan McIntyre, P.E., McIntyre Engineering and Septic Services, Inc. presented the septic system upgrade design for 58 Maple Dell Lane.
- It is a failed system that was recently sold and needs an upgrade.
- The upgrade plan goes before the Conservation Commission (ConCom) next week. Dan doesn't expect issues with the ConCom as they have addressed all the issues as much as possible improving the current conditions within the lot's constraints.
- 58 Maple Dell Lane is a small lot adjacent to wetlands. They kept the septic upgrade outside the 50' boundary of the wetlands, but it is not possible to keep it out of the 100' boundary.
- There is high ground water determined at the 3 soil test pits.
- They are mounding the back yard as best as possible, and using an Eljen Alternative Septic System (approved by the DEP)
- To get this proposed septic upgrade onto the lot they are requesting 3 local upgrade waivers as follows:
 - Reduce foundation offset from 20' to 17'
 - Reduce groundwater offset by 2' using an approved I/A technology for groundwater reduction (Eljen)
 - Use sieve test to determine design percolation rate

- They have added a wooden bulkhead and window wells to the back of the house to accommodate the mounding.
- The back slope is 3 to 1, planted with a conservation mix to minimize run off to the property edge.
- The existing sump pump discharge pipe is relocated and empties into a rock pad to minimize point discharge.
- The neighbor's septic upgrade has a retaining wall, but this more attractive mounded configuration was possible here.
- For thoroughness, the property lines were surveyed and marked by iron rods. The shed and sump pump pipe will be relocated as they currently fall outside the property lines.
- Scott said he recommends the upgrade plan as presented. The Board said the plan seemed reasonable.
- Joe Kenneally, 74 Maple Dell Lane, entered the Zoom meeting. Thomas recognized the new participant and asked him if he had public comment.
- Joe said he is concerned that this upgrade plan would add run-off to his abutting property. He believes that the upgrade at 68 Maple Dell Lane last year caused additional flooding of his property. He petitioned for consideration of mitigation of water run-off to his property.
- Joe's concerns were discussed.
- Dan agreed to make a site visit to Joe's property to assess the best way to resolve any concerns.
- The upgrade plan review will be continued at the next BoH meeting.

Housing Issue- 53 Wingate Road's disrepair has been boarded up and the house will be put up for sale in April.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Farm construction schedule will be discussed with the Town Administrator, Travis Ahern on Thursday.

Inspector of Animals: The Board discussed the nominations for Inspector of Animal
Jay made a motion to nominate Dona Walsh and Scott Moles as Inspectors of Animals for the appointment from May1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Thomas seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis – Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Bills: The following bills were discussed:

Salmon VNA- Contagious disease cases follow-up **\$1,809.00**
 COVID (ARPA) = \$1,742; other disease (BoH) = \$67

Jay motioned to approve the Salmon VNA bill. Thomas seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis – Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Amazon- office supplies, paper, laminating pouches, correction tape... **\$238.81**
Jay motioned to approve the Amazon bill. Thomas seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis – Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Amazon- office supplies, folders **\$13.30**
Jay motioned to approve the Amazon bill. Thomas seconded.
Roll Call: Thomas Ellis – Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 1, 2022.

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

Board Comment: Thomas asked about the EEE potential issues for this upcoming year. Scott said the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program has already been larvaciding and will start mosquito sampling in mid-April. It is too soon to know if it will be a high year for mosquitoes.

Next BoH Meeting is April 5, 2022.

Thomas made a motion at 7:56 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Jay seconded.

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

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 4-5-22