

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

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

Scott Moles, *Health Director and Agent*
Kristin Abraham, *Health Department Clerk*
Ann Adams, *Health Department Clerk*
Chief Michael Cassidy, *Emergency Management Director*

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: Peter Liffiton, the sole candidate on the May Town ballot for the open BoH position, introduced himself. He was on the Sherborn BoH for 25 years, moved to Holliston in 2020. He is looking forward to getting involved locally. The Board thanked Peter for volunteering for civic involvement.

COVID-19 update:

- There are 24 active cases of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 2277.
- The cases appear to be primarily a neighborhood interaction with in household spread.
- Holliston is still green (low) risk level by the State’s COVID-19 designation, but these new cases will keep Holliston from lowering to gray status for 2 weeks.
- These “pop-up” cases are consistent across the State.
- More than half of the cases are the newer strain of Omicron.
- There is another variant in the UK that seems to be related to Omicron and with mild symptoms.

58 Maple Dell Lane- Local Upgrade Approval

- Dan McIntyre, P.E., McIntyre Engineering and Septic Services, Inc. presented the revised septic system upgrade design for 58 Maple Dell Lane.
- Dan met with the abutter at 74 Maple Dell Lane who had concerns with the original septic upgrade design regarding storm water run-off to his property.
- The revised plan has a retaining wall around the perimeter of 58 Maple Dell Lane, and allows the run-off to drain to the wetlands.
- This new plan is more expensive because of the retaining wall, but the new owner is a mason and was motivated to keep peace in the neighborhood.
- The abutter was happy with the revised plan. He didn’t attend the Conservation Commission meeting reviewing the plan.
- The Board thanked Dan for meeting with the abutter and resolving the concerns.
- The Conservation Commission still needs to vote on this plan, but are expecting to approve it.
- To get this proposed septic upgrade onto the lot Dan is 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

Thomas motioned to approve the 3 requested waivers listed above. Jay seconded.

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

Inspector of Animals: Justine Grassey was discussed as a third Holliston Inspector of Animals who will be able to complete the Barn Book census that is overdue for 2022. Justine works with Dona Walsh and has large animal experience.

Jay motioned to nominate Justine Grassey as a Holliston Inspector of Animals. Thomas seconded. Roll Call: Thomas Ellis – Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Mosquitos: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project has mosquito traps set around Town and will be giving Holliston results in the next 2 weeks. We will get weekly notices of viruses.

Ticks: The Department of Public Health sent out tick information, and ticks are on the rise. Scott will get the Board the information on cases Lyme disease in Town. Thomas wondered if it was appropriate to post tick reminder signs around Town. Jay suggested posting information on the Health Department website.

Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 15, 2022.

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

Bills: The following bills were discussed:

Soil Evaluator renewal – Scott \$75.00

Jay motioned to approve the Soil Evaluator bill. Josh seconded.

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

Title 5 System Inspector renewal – Scott \$75.00

Josh motioned to approve the Title 5 System Inspector bill. Thomas seconded.

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

Stantec - Covanta Compliance Officer \$460.00

Thomas motioned to approve the Stantec bill. Jay seconded.

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

Beach Water Testing begins at Memorial Day in time for the swimming season.

Board Comment none

Next BoH Meeting is April 19, 2022.

Thomas made a motion at 7:31 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: 4-19-22