

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Josh Mann (*Chair*)
Jay Leary (*Vice-Chair*)
Peter Liffiton (*member*)

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

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

Scott read the Remote Participation Statement.

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

Public Comment: None

COVID-19 update:

- There are 24 active cases of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 2673.
- Holliston remains in the red (high) risk level by the State's COVID-19 designation.
- Most COVID-19 cases are individuals who have had at least one vaccination.
- Linking Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN) COVID-19 cases to Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) vaccination numbers is difficult when trying to compare individual COVID-19 cases to number of vaccinations of that individual.
- Josh asked if Holliston was going to have another COVID-19 clinic since he feels the efficacy of the vaccine is reduced after 6 months. And he asked when the young adults would be eligible for their next COVID-19 vaccination.
- Scott said he is investigating the fall flu clinic and is waiting to see if the COVID-19 vaccine might be included in that flu vaccine.
- Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has approved 2 vaccines for children 6 months to 4 years old: Moderna (2 doses) and Pfizer (3 doses).
- Ann Labonte, R.N., our Salmon VNA contagious disease contract nurse said that it doesn't appear that there is a rush for this 6 month to 4 year vaccine. Pediatricians are giving the vaccine to young children as part of their regular appointments.
- The Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health, an 8 town collaboration that includes Holliston, put out a COVID-19 vaccination to 6 months to 4 years information sheet. This sheet has been press released to the media, and posted on the Town website and at Town Hall.
- Jay said he believed that parents would be more comfortable having their young children vaccinated by their pediatrician.
- Scott said that the State has a set up a telehealth program where individuals with COVID-19 can get free Paxlovid, the antiviral treatment pill.
- Holliston Public School is out of session for the summer, ending with 24 cases of COVID-19. Jay asked about the Schools summer schedule. Scott said that the summer camps are gearing up.

Juul Ban: The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) banned Juul vaping products. This has an overlap with the vaping products that are banned in Massachusetts. Olivia Dufour, Holliston Tobacco Control Program Manager, updated Scott on the activity. She also said that the MetroWest Tobacco Control Program has gotten funding for another year.

Covanta Transfer Station is in good shape according to the report by our Covanta Compliance Officer, Brian Moran, engineer for Stantec. Covanta did have an electrical fire in a front-end loader, but it has been rectified.

Covanta Compliance Officer contract is up for renewal. There are no changes or rate increases from last year's contract. Scott will bring the contract renewal to the next Board meeting. At some point Brian will be considering retirement and the Board will need to find a replacement. Brian has been with the Board for a long time, having been on the BoH for 9 years. Holliston's contract is with Stantec, so perhaps they have a suitable replacement. The position will need to be put out to bid.

Monkeypox: The Department of Public Health is tracking monkeypox. It is a contact virus similar to smallpox, and is reported to the State.

Septic system construction and upgrades are in full swing.

Town of Holliston Fiscal Year closes June 30th. The BoH budget was met with no need for funds transferred in or out of our budget. We were within our line-item sections.

Mosquitos: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) reported the July dates for Holliston. There have been no reports of Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus.

Ticks: There was a single case of babesiosis, a disease spread by ticks.

Beach water testing: Lake Winthrop's water at Stoddard Park and Pleasure Point beaches' preliminary test results look good. The final results will be posted on the Town website.

Minutes:

Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from June 14, 2022.

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

Josh made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from June 7, 2022.

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

Bills: The Board discussed and approved the following bills:

Jay made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for office supplies: \$89.76.

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

Josh made a motion to approve the Salmon VNA bill for contagious diseases:

- COVID-19 paid by ARPA \$4,773.75
- BoH non-COVID-19 \$167.50
- Total \$4,941.25

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

Josh made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for office supplies: \$32.99.

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

The Board discussed the Pantero bill for sign supplies. There was a \$6.48 refund credit because Pantero had incorrectly charged the Town for tax, and we are tax-exempt. The Town was

correctly changed \$144.63. Also, the invoice is dated September 2022, but the product has been received. That anomaly can be investigated.

Josh made a motion to approve the Pantero bill for sign supplies: \$144.63

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

Josh made a motion to approve the AdPrint bill for Scott's business cards: \$29.00.

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

The Health Department is waiting for the 4 invoices from G&L Labs for the June beach water testing that need to be paid with FY'22 funds.

45 Woods Crossing: The garbage grinder at 45 Woods Crossing has been removed and the Health Department received the recorded garbage grinder deed restriction. The owner will be sent the memo to file stating the "5 bedroom septic capacity with no garbage grinder" now that the BoH June 7, 2022 meeting minutes are approved (where the vote was taken on the 5 bedroom, no garbage grinder decision).

Board Comment: None

Next BoH Meeting is July 12, 2022. The State is voting on continuing remote meetings after July 15, 2022 as an option. This vote will probably happen in July. If this vote doesn't happen, the BoH can use the hybrid meeting option that will allow members to participate remotely as needed.

Josh made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:29 PM. Jay seconded.

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

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 7-12-22