

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 12, 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 13 active cases of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 2709.
- Holliston remains in the red (high) risk level by the State's COVID-19 designation.
- 2,700 test COVID-19 kits (2 tests per kit) are being distributed to residents, targeting the at-risk and disproportionately affected. All Town residents are welcome to the kits and they are available at Town Hall as well as other sites. The distribution plan was shared with the Board.
- Vaccination of young children 6 months to 4 years is being done primarily by pediatricians.

Celebrate Holliston is September 24th at Goodwill Park. Jay and Josh said they would be willing to represent the Board of Health at a booth and hand out information on mosquitos, ticks, COVID (and kits if available), etc. Scott said in the past the Town Clerk had Board of Health information at their booth, and he will look into getting a Board of Health booth.

Mosquitos & Ticks: There has been little mosquito and tick activity due to the dry weather. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project continues to test and report the results.

Monkeypox: There are currently 42 cases in Massachusetts that are being tracked by the State.

Tobacco Compliance officer Olivia Dufour will attend the next Board meeting to update them on banned vaping products and tobacco compliance checks.

164 Westfield Drive is in the process of a title search for receivership by the State Attorney General, as the owner died with no heirs. The house is in disrepair and neighborhood kids are starting to vandalize. Fire Chief Michael Cassidy is trying to get the house secured. The Finance Committee may be petitioned for the funds to secure the house.

147 Turner Road Condominiums has 3 housing complaints being pursued: trash on the property, cockroaches in a unit, and mold in a unit. These units are occupied by 2 renters and one owner. There needs to be Building Permits pulled for some of the work. Scott and the Building Inspector Mark Kaferlein are working with the Empire management company to coordinate resolution.

49 Central Street is still vacant as the tenant has been relocated. The 9 Green Street VOC investigation wants to do testing in the basement. Travis Ahern, Holliston Town Administrator is coordinating this investigation with the Town Licensed Site Professional.

70 Lake Shore Drive is being contacted by Travis Ahern requiring inspection of animals by our Animal Control Officer, Dona Walsh, for the State mandated Barn Book.

Covanta Compliance Officer contract is up for renewal. The total contract price did not increase. At some point Brian Moran, Covanta Compliance Officer is 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 they may have a suitable replacement. The position will need to be put out to bid. Scott and Travis Ahern will put out the Request for Proposal as it is a relatively low cost contract.

Josh made a motion to approve the renewal contract for Stantec as Covanta Compliance Officer. Jay seconded. Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter -Aye Passed.

The Board members will arrange to sign the contract in the next few days.

Beach water testing: Lake Winthrop's water at Stoddard Park and Pleasure Point beaches' preliminary test results exceeded the maximum requirement, and retesting is in process. Scott will keep the Board apprised of the results.

Minutes: Josh made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from June 28, 2022. Jay seconded. Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter -Aye Passed.

Bills: The Board discussed and approved the following bills:

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

COVID paid by ARPA	\$2,613.00
Non-COVID	\$134.00
Total	\$2,747.00

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

Josh motioned to approve the Stericycle bill for sharps medical waste disposal: \$210.00 Jay seconded. Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter-Aye Passed.

Carnival is Wednesday through Saturday at the High School, finishing with fireworks. Len Izzo, Food Inspector and Scott will coordinate of Food Permit inspections. Josh asked if the veterans can be notified regarding the fireworks. Scott will contact the Veterans Agent to notify them.

Board Comment: None

Next BoH Meeting is July 26, 2022. The State is voting on continuing remote meetings. Regardless, the BoH can use the hybrid meeting option, allowing members to participate remotely as needed.

Josh made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:32 PM. Jay seconded. Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter -Aye Passed.

Respectfully:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 7-26-22