

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## April 25, 2023

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

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

Josh Mann, BoH, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.  
Scott Moles 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 2 active cases (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 3110.

### National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has asked Holliston to participate in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. NCHS has selected 15 communities in Massachusetts based on demographics. They have asked Town Administrator Travis Ahearn, Health Director Scott Moles and one member of the Board of Health to participate in pre-meetings to discuss logistics, publicity and promotion. Jay volunteered to be the BoH member.

The NCHS will bring a mobile exam center to Holliston to do health screenings such as a blood pressure clinic, and will promote Center for Disease Control (CDC) health initiatives such as nutrition and oral care. The information gathered will be confidential. The residents will self-select to participate. Scott will keep the Board updated on this project.

### Housing:

- **164 Westfield Drive:** Housing court went well and there should be a judgement within a week; The receivership should go quickly as there is a short list of potential receivers.
- **53 Wingate Road:** Scott witnessed the soil test and has received a proposed design for the septic upgrade. Scott will keep the Board posted.
- **1414 Washington Street:** Scott did a housing inspection for the Charlton Voucher program. Usually Boston does its own housing inspections. Scott will see what other towns do regarding housing inspections. It is allot of work to write a housing report. The house was clean, and the tenant will move in the first of May.

**Soil Tests:** Scott has witnessed 17 soil tests so far this year and has 4 more scheduled.

**Minutes:** Josh made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from April 11, 2023.

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

**Bills:** The following Stantec Covanta Compliance Officer bill was discussed and approved. Scott explained that there were 3 additional hours of Covanta Compliance Officer, Brian Moran's time because there was a Saturday inspection. There was a call reporting the Covanta gates being open on a Saturday. Turned out it was a safety class for staff training, and they were not operating on a Saturday. In the future they will notify the Health Department when they are having Saturday activities.

**Josh made a motion to approve the Stantec (Covanta Compliance Officer): Total= \$3,056.00  
The Covanta Compliance Officer is paid for by Covanta.  
Jay seconded. Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter-Aye. Passed.**

**Board Comment:** Jay had several comments:

- There were 2 late joining participants on the Zoom call. Cheri Hafford, Agricultural Commission Chairperson, and Pat ("with Cherie") said they had no comment, but appreciated being acknowledged.
- Jay asked if COVID-19 test kits are still being requested. Scott said people are still taking test kits. The Health Department has 8 cartons remaining and Scott is trying to get more kits.
- Jay inquired about the downtown sewer project. Scott said there will be more info on the project after the Town Meeting vote to allocate money for the next level study. Town Meeting is on May 15, 2023.
- Jay asked if there were any issues that the BoH will need to speak about at Town Meeting. Scott replied there is nothing that he knew of. He will keep the Board apprised.

**Josh made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:21 PM. Jay seconded.  
Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter -Aye Passed.**

Respectfully:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 5-9-23