

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## May 9, 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 3 active cases (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 3116.
- The last shipment of 43 cartons of COVID-19 test kits have been distributed. In total the Health Department gave out 145 cartons of test kits (26,100 tests) free to residents. Persons needing test kits can still get free kits online.
- The Massachusetts's COVID-19 Emergency Order ends this week.
- The Center for Disease Control is giving guidance to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Scott will keep the Board updated.

**Town Meeting** is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

- Town Elections are May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will push the next BoH meeting to May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Scott and Jay will attend Town Meeting.
- Scott will keep the Board apprised if there is any input required of the Board at Town Meeting. At this point, only the Health Department budget is on the Town Meeting agenda. Michelle Zeamer, Finance Committee Liaison to the BoH has not indicated there are any concerns.

**Emergency Preparedness:** The Health and Homeland Alert Network had an emergency drill, which Scott completed, being sure the contact information was up-to-date.

### Town Beaches:

- Beach water testing begins on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Beach Permits have been completed for Stoddard Park and Pleasure Point.
- The Beach Closure Protocol contact information has been updated for 2023.
- The beaches will open with the Parks and Recreation Department on Memorial Day weekend.

**Semi-Public Pool** at Turner Road Condominiums has been permitted and will open May 26<sup>th</sup>. They are still looking for another lifeguard if any local resident is interested in a summer job.

**Mobil Food Trucks:** Two ice cream trucks have been issued Food Permits for the summer: TC Scoops and Refreshin' Concessions. TC Scoops have recently located in a store at 100 Central Street.

**Food Truck Event:** On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 747 Washington Street (next to Bird & Bear) there will be a food truck event (Pangea & Doglio) that will include a live band, and have mobile toilets available. Len Izzo, Food Inspector will do the inspection.

**Soil Tests:** Scott has witnessed 20 soil tests so far this year and has one more scheduled. Next week there will be soil tests on a 5 lot subdivision off of Jasper Hill Road.

**Mosquitoes:** Larvaciding continues by the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project. With the cool weather there are not many mosquitoes to catch. Towards the end of May there will be monthly reports of the live viruses in mosquitos.

**Ticks:** There have not been any indications of increased tick-borne diseases, Babesiosis and Lyme disease recently, as the tick season is beginning. Tick information cards were handed out at the Touch-A-Truck event at the High School on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes:** Josh made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from April 25, 2023.  
Jay seconded. Roll Call: Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye, Peter -Aye Passed.

**Bills:** The following bills were discussed and approved:

**Josh made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for office supplies and tools: Total=\$97.93**

**This is paper cutter replacement parts and a manhole lift hook for septic covers.**

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

**Josh made a motion to approve Scott Moles parking and travel expenses: Total=\$42.49**

**Travel was for the 164 Westfield Drive Housing Court in Worcester.**

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

**Board Comment:**

- Jay would like the Board of Health to have a booth at the Touch-a-Truck event next time.
- Jay asked if the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey has made any progress. Scott said nothing yet, but he will reach out to them.
- This is Josh's last meeting as BoH Chairperson, and he thanked the Board members and staff for their hard work.
- The Board and staff thanked Josh for his service and hoped to see him in the future. Josh is running for re-election to the BoH.

**Josh made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:17 PM. Jay seconded.**

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

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 5-30-23