

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 30, 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*

The meeting opened 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

Town Meeting was May 15th and elections May 23. Congratulations Josh on your re-election to the BoH.

Public Comment: None

Board of Health Reorganization:

Peter made a motion to nominate Jay as the Chairperson. Josh seconded.

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

Josh made a motion to nominate Peter as the Vice-Chairperson. Jay seconded.

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

New organization: Jay Leary-Chairperson, Peter Liffiton-Vice-Chairperson, Josh Mann-Member

Lions Club Food Tent: The Lions Club requested a waiver of their Food Permit fee for their tent at the Carnival starting July 15. It is the same menu as previous years. The Lions Club is a non-profit organization, whose proceeds support groups in Town. The carnival operator Fanelli has food permits that they pay for.

Peter made a motion to waive the Food Permit fee for the Lions Club food tent at the Carnival. Josh seconded.

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

COVID-19 Update:

- There are 2 active cases (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town bringing the cumulative total to 3127.
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has nothing new regarding COVID-19. The state of emergency ended May 11th. Scott will keep the Board updated.

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey will have a Zoom meeting next week. Scott will coordinate with Jay what day works best for the meeting.

Mosquitoes:

- Larvaciding continues by the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP).
- Full testing begins next week and there will be monthly reports of the live viruses in mosquitos.
- CMMCP will host a tire drop-off in September to discard tires for Town residents. Old tires retain pools of water and are mosquito breeding grounds.

Ticks:

- Josh and Jay indicated concerns about the excessive tick population this year.
- Jay wants Scott to explore the efforts to combat ticks this year, as tick-borne diseases can be devastating.
- The Board discussed the dangers of tick-borne diseases.

Dog feces:

- Jay has observed dog owners not picking up after their animals and thinks this is a public health issue.
- Jay wants to know what the laws are regarding picking up dog feces.
- Scott will get that information back to the Board.
- Scott will reach out to the Town Clerk to see about including information about picking up after their dogs when residents register their dogs in Town.

Proposed Downtown Sewer Project:

- There are community forums regarding the proposed downtown sewer project scheduled for June, July and August.
- Scott will try to get the Town Facilities Manager James Keast to have a meeting prior to the community forums for the Town department heads, and Scott will get that information to the Board.
- The project is still trying to figure out the financials, and there is much to be worked out.
- This project will be trying to determine how the individual businesses will store and send waste to a treatment facility.
- The Board will ultimately vote on the proposed project, not Scott.

Soil Tests: Scott has witnessed 25 soil tests so far this year and has 4 more scheduled. Last week there were 4 soil tests on Jasper Hill Road.

747 Washington Street, owner John Drohan is discussing having a tap room, bringing beer from Upton Brewery to serve there, and having food truck events. John met with Scott and the Building and Planning departments. There are issues that need to be addressed in addition to the septic system.

Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from May 9, 2023.

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

Bills: The following bills were discussed and approved:

Peter made a motion to approve the Salmon VNA bill for contagious disease: Total=\$67.00

This April invoice doesn't have any COVID-19 cases on it.

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

Peter motioned to approve the Amazon bill for gallon sharps containers: Total=\$129.00

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

Board Comment:

- **Agricultural Commission:**
 - Josh would like to follow-up regarding the Agricultural Commissions (AgCom) and animal complaints / regulations.
 - Jay indicated that Scott should respond in a timely fashion to the email from the AgCom Chairperson Cherie Hafford and copy the BoH.
 - Scott said he would reach out to Cherie and attend the next AgCom meeting.
- **Golf Station, 799 Washington Street:**
 - Jay is concerned about the security and disrepair of the boarded up Gulf Station at 799 Washington Street. The kicked-in boards are access for animals.
 - Scott said the owner didn't get their way with the Planning Board and is frustrated with the Town.
 - Jay thinks it is a public health issue because the building is not secure.
- **Housing:**
 - *53 Wingate Road* was sold, twice and is currently being fixed up for resale with an approved 4 bedroom septic system.
 - *164 Westfield Drive* is waiting for land court to assign a receiver who will fix it up, sell it, and get it back on the tax rolls. The Town has the option to make it normal or affordable housing.

Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:42 PM. Peter seconded.

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

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6-13-23