

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

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

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

Jay Leary opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
Scott Moles read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health roll call: Jay Leary - present, Peter Liffiton – present, Josh Mann – present

Public Comment: None

COVID-19 Update:

- There are no active cases (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town; the cumulative total is 3129.
- The Town COVID-19 numbers will be posted weekly on Monday's from now on.

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

- Scott & Jay met with Youth & Family Services Director Jackie Winer and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) regarding having Holliston residents participate in the national survey.
- Scott will post information on the Town website.
- Residents, randomly selected, will receive an invitation to volunteer.
- The mobile medical vehicles will be parked in Billerica, and NCHS will compensate volunteers for travel and childcare.
- Jay felt the meeting was good and the group was well organized.

Mosquitoes & Ticks:

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) sent a summer safety flier that addresses ticks and mosquitoes, which Scott will get on the Town website.
- The DPH link for Tick-borne Disease Prevention was put on the Town website.

Dog waste:

- The Board was sent a brochure entitled “Dog Waste and Surface Water Quality” from the Town Planner Karen Sherman.
- The Town Clerk said she could hand out that brochure to dog owners when they apply for their licenses starting in December.
- The Board liked the brochure.
- They asked if signage could be installed in high waste areas, say at the Rail Trail or Blair Square.
- Jay asked if there was American Recovery Plan Act money available for signage.
- Jay said West Cemetery on Gorwin Drive always has dog waste there.
- Scott said he would contact Sean Reese, Department of Public Works Director, and see about getting appropriate signage to the cemetery.

Proposed Downtown Sewer Project:

- There are community forums regarding the proposed downtown sewer project scheduled for June, July and August. Jay and Peter plan to attend the June forum.
- Scott recapped the meeting he attended with the Engineer Pio Lombardo:
 - The capacity for the system is not certified yet. There is more testing scheduled.

- More planning is needed.
- They will need to determine how to give allotments to the downtown owners.
- The sewer project will not be inexpensive.
- The system will not be self-funded by permit fees.
- Scott said there may be grants that would help fund the project.

Touch-A-Truck: Several food trucks are permitted for the Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, June 17th at the Placentino School on Woodland Street. Len Izzo, Food inspector will do the food inspections.

Beach Water Testing:

- Last week, the Monday June 5 beach water testing (sampled during strong rain) exceeded allowable levels for E.coli and was retested on Tuesday. Tuesday's test results were acceptable.
- This week's beach water testing on June 12 was acceptable.

Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC)

- The Health Department gave 600 Fentanyl test strips and instructions to HDAAC, and Jackie Winer, Youth and Family Services Director.
- HDAAC has a new coordinator, Zoe Moreau.
- Scott will invite Zoe (and Jackie) to our next BoH meeting to meet the Board.

Board Fiscal Year 2024 appointments for food inspectors, burial agent, beaver agent, tobacco agent and assistant Title 5 agent will be at the next Board meeting.

799 Washington Street, Gulf Station:

- The Board agreed that the condition of the Gulf Station is a public health issue with the disrepair and kicked in boards.
- Scott and Building Commissioner Mark Kaferlein are sending the owner a letter outlining the zoning and health issues that need to be addressed.

Bills: none

Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from May 30, 2023.

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

Board Comment:

- Jay asked about 164 Westfield Drive. Scott said receivership was given to Brigs LLC who will fix it up and get it back on the tax rolls.
- Jay asked about 747 Washington Street, where John Drohan was proposing to open a beer tasting business. Scott said they are working with Mark Kaferlein Building Commissioner and Karen Sherman Town Planner on the special permits required. Drohan may decide to upgrade the septic system. They will have more details by August.

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: 6-27-23