

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## July 11, 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 zero active cases (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town. The cumulative total is 3132 cases.

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey:** Scott said there was nothing new from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) regarding Holliston residents participating in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, but he will keep the Board posted.

### **Mosquitoes & Ticks:**

- The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project reports the first positive case of West Nile Virus in a mosquito in Brookline. Since Holliston is not an abutting town our risk factor doesn't change. But this does indicate the start of the season requiring people to use good preventative precautions.
- Nothing new regarding ticks.

**Dog waste:** Nothing new on dog waste mitigation.

### **Housing issue: 1414 Washington Street Unit #2:**

- Patricia Hayes, tenant, requested a follow-up inspection at 1414 Washington Street Unit #2.
- This is an ARPA housing voucher from Charlton that Scott did as a favor to the Charlton Director.
- Scott did an initial inspection in April and a reinspection in May to address more of Patricia's concerns.
- Scott was working with the owner Kevin Cairney to fix the problems.
- Patricia found the conditions of the unit intolerable and will be moving out August 1. She needed this letter so she didn't lose her ARPA voucher.
- The Board asked about the items listed in the letter and how they related to the Board of Health. Scott explained the State Sanitary Code and Housing Quality Standards.
- Peter asked that the letter, and any future letters, identify who is responsible for fixing the violations. In this case since the tenant was leaving, it wasn't imperative.
- These violations will need to be fixed and a satisfactory final inspection performed prior to the next tenant occupying the unit.
- Rental units are inspected at the request of the tenant.

- The State will be changing the Code language from “tenant” to “occupant” on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Scott will keep the Board apprised.
- Jay felt the turn-around time from inspection to letter should be no more than 10 business days, or the tenant should be given an explanation of when they can expect the letter.
- Jay and Scott will have weekly phone calls or a synopsis so the Board knows what is going on.

**Last week** Scott was on vacation and back-up Title 5 agent, Paul Saulnier did several septic upgrade inspections including 1004 Washington Street.

**Lion’s Club Carnival** happens this week at the High School, with fireworks on Saturday. Food Inspector, Len Izzo will perform the pre-opening inspections. Scott will coordinate follow-up inspections.

**Summer Camps:** Prana acting camp will be inspected next week before it starts.

**Beach Water Testing:** The weekly beach water testing on July 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup> were acceptable.

**Health and Homeland Alert Network** issued a storm alert, but the storm didn’t materialize.

**Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from June 27, 2023. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

**Bills:** none

**Board Comment:**

- Jay asked that the new Tobacco Control Agent, Marissa Morelo attend a Board meeting.
- Jay asked about the Agricultural Commissions activity. Scott said he knew of none. But there was a dead raccoon complaint that was given to the Highway Department to dispose of.
- Jay asked about the Gulf Station, 799 Washington Street, getting secured. Scott said Building Inspector, Mark Kaferlein is in discussion with the owner. Jay is concerned that the critters can enter the building.

**Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:24 PM. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

Respectfully:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 7-25-23