

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## July 25, 2023

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

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

Jackie Winer, *Holliston Youth and Family Services Director*  
Zoey Moreau, *Drug Free Coalition Coordinator*

**Absent:** Jay Leary (*Chairperson*)

Peter Liffiton opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.  
Scott Moles read the Remote Participation Statement.

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

**Public Comment:** None

### **Drug Free Coalition Coordinator:**

- Recently hired Zoey Moreau, Drug Free Coalition Coordinator, and Jackie Winer, Holliston Youth and Family Services Director were present to introduce Zoey to the Board.
- Jackie gave background on the Drug Free Grant Holliston received, and talked about Holliston Drug and Alcohol Coalition.
- Zoe discussed her background and plans for Holliston.
- Jackie discussed how the Educational Development Council would be part of the evaluation of the core measures to determine the effectiveness of the programs.
- Jackie invited the Board to attend their monthly Youth Advisory Council meetings, and especially the September kick-off meeting and the December/January Stakeholder's invitational meeting.
- Zoe will put the BoH on the email list for the meeting minutes.
- Jackie said they were happy to partner with the BoH on the tobacco regulations, and look forward to working together in the future. Zoe agreed she looks forward to working with the BoH.
- Scott asked how Jackie might help the southern border immigrants (transferring to Framingham) if they ended up in Holliston. Jackie said that Youth and Family Services can help immigrant families with many services.
- Josh thanked Jackie for being an amazing resource to our community.

**COVID-19 Update:** There are zero active cases (reported to the State) of COVID-19 in Town. The cumulative total remains at 3132 cases since July 3rd. The website update will be updated only when the numbers change.

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey:** Scott said there was nothing new from the National Center for Health Statistics regarding Holliston residents participating in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

**Mosquitoes & Ticks:**

- The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project August dates for being in Town have been posted to the Town website and the media.
- There were 5 new positive mosquitoes tested for West Nile Virus, but none in abutting towns so Holliston's risk factor doesn't rise.
- Nothing new regarding ticks.

**799 Washington Street - Gulf Station:**

- Scott spoke with the owner who will get plywood and secure the building.
- The owner is meeting with the Planning Board in the fall.
- Peter commented that the Gulf Station building is wide open for entry.
- The Superette (777 Washington Street) owner Chis Leoncini said he'd be working on the back of the building now that they are doing paving there.

**81 Wingate Road** owner crushed his 4 year old Eljen soil absorption field not paying attention to its location during backyard construction. Scott and system designer Eric Dickinson visited the site. Eric will develop the plan for the repair.

**Cranberry Lane:** There are beavers building in the Cranberry Lane culvert causing water flooding that will impact the septic systems of 4 houses. The owners will be hiring a beaver trapper who will apply for a beaver permit.

**Prana Camp** started Monday at Christ the King Church, 600 Central Street, with 26 campers and 6 staff. Scott inspected the camp.

**Holliston Woods Septic Odor:**

- The 55+ community built by Pulte is having septic odor problems as reported by neighbors.
- Scott spoke with designer Dan Coughlin who said one of the return air lines broke in the Perc-rite system.
- Scott spoke with Small Water Services who does the Operations and Maintenance inspections, informing them that they need to notify him for any service malfunctions so he knows ahead of time before residents call to complain. Scott will be following up with a letter to them to reinforce the need for better communications.
- Peter reiterated the need for documentation of the requirement for proper communication to avoid a recurrence of this problem.

**164 Westfield Drive** budget was approved for cleaning up the property by the court appointed receiver Briggs. The clean-up will start August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**90 Brooks Street:** Mark Kaferlein, Zoning Enforcer will be sending a letter to the owner regarding a change of use once it is reviewed by the Town legal counsel. It is an old gravel pit near a Town well. Town Planner Karen Sherman, Conservation Agent Ryan Clapp, Scott and Mark gave input into this letter. Mark, as the Zoning Enforcer has the authority to send the letter.

**Heat Wave:** Scott has been in contact with Emergency Management Director Michael Cassidy regarding opening cooling shelters should the weather make it necessary. Currently Cole Court's community center air conditioning is working. The Library and Senior Center could be used as

cooling centers. Michael and Scott will stay aware of conditions should it become necessary to extend the hours and staffing due to weather conditions.

**Beach Water Testing:** The weekly beach water testing on July 17th and 24<sup>th</sup> were acceptable.

**Chicken Manure Complaint:** Scott sent Agricultural Commission Chairperson Cherie Hafford a complaint from a resident regarding the neighbor's stockpiling of chicken manure at the property line. Cherie will address the problem and get back to Scott.

**Minutes:** Peter made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from July 11, 2023.  
**Josh seconded. Roll Call: Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

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

**Josh motioned to approve the Salmon VNA June bill for contagious diseases: Total=\$502.50**  
**Peter seconded. Roll Call: Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

**Josh motioned to approve the Stantec bill for Covanta Inspector Brian Moran for the quarterly inspection, paid for by Covanta: Total=\$2,483.00**  
**Peter seconded. Roll Call: Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

**Board Comment:** None

**Josh made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:34 PM. Peter seconded.**  
**Roll Call: Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

Respectfully:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8-8-23