

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## September 26, 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 was an uptick of COVID-19 cases in Town.
- Timothy Daniels House, 84 Elm Street, reported 6 cases of COVID-19 with one transport to the hospital. Mask protocol is being enforced at Timothy Daniels now.
- Scott relayed the age breakdown of the 34 cases of COVID-19 since August 1<sup>st</sup> reported by Ann Labonte, Salmon VNA nurse.
- Scott shared this information with Emergency Management Director Michael Cassidy who will update the Town website.

### **Mosquitoes:**

- Scott reported the 5 towns that have positive West Nile Virus (WNV) tested mosquitoes.
- There have been 3 WNV cases in humans this season and no Eastern Equine Encephalitis cases.
- The mosquito season is still with us and residents are recommended to adhere to personal protection practices.

### **Holliston Woods Septic Odor:**

- Scott wrote a draft of a letter putting the Holliston Woods septic system failure on record.
- The Board gave their input on the letter.
- Scott will incorporate their guidance and resend the updated draft to the Board.

### **83 Mohawk Path:**

- Carmen Shay, Title 5 Inspector, wrote an incorrect Title 5 Inspection Report for 83 Mohawk Path in 2022, claiming a 550 gallon per day (GPD) capacity.
- 83 Mohawk Path septic system capacity is 440 GPD.
- Scott has spoken to Carmen Shay, and Carmen will send a corrected Title 5 Report.
- The new homeowner is angry that he thought he bought a 5 bedroom house.
- Jay said it is understandable that the homeowner is upset.

- Peter explained that the Town and Board of Health have no liability here. The Inspector made a mistake. The Town is not responsible for confirming the accuracy of the Title 5 reports submitted. The Town's responsibility is to receive and retain the documents submitted.

**164 Westfield Drive** - The tree clearing has been completed. Scott Wolfe, Briggs Corporation the court appointed receiver has had several offers to buy the home, which will get it back on the Town tax rolls.

**Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition:** Scott will be attending the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Opioid settlement money** is managed by the Select Board and Youth and Family Services, Jackie Winer Director. Youth and Family Services has psychologists on staff and many relevant resources.

**Downtown Sewer Project** is still waiting to schedule the requested additional soil testing. Scott will keep the Board posted.

**Agricultural Committee (AgCom)** - Scott attended the AgCom meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> with Al Bogler, State Animal Rescue League and Dona Walsh, Holliston Animal Control Officer. They discussed the importance of town animal regulations.

**Massachusetts Health and Homeland Alert** had their quarterly phone drills done Friday and Monday.

**Tire Drop-off:**

- Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project will facilitate a Tire Drop-off on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> for Holliston residents.
- The Highway Department will be present at the Marshall Street Recycling Center to support them.
- Tire Drop-off advertisement is posted on the website, and fliers and signs around Town.

**Flu Clinic:**

- Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. 9 AM to noon at the Placentino Cafetorium, 235 Woodland Street.
- Pre-registration requested. See Town website for link.

**799 Washington Street** – Gulf Station: Travis Ahern, Town Administrator is in negotiations for transfer of ownership of the property. The Economic Development Committee is exploring various funding sources to allow the Town to buy it. Jay requested the building be shored up some more. Scott will look into it.

**465 Hopping Brook Road – Underground Injection Control:**

- The Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit being applied for by Grady Consulting for Pharmacann at 465 Hopping Brook Road was discussed.
- Grady Consulting still needs to submit an application clarifying exactly what will be installed, and the required \$1,320 fee before Scott will review their request.
- Pharmacann cannot apply for a permit from the State until the local Board of Health has approved their permit.
- The Select Board has not reviewed the Pharmacann permit investigating if they are still completely medical-use production.

- Scott will keep the Board posted.

**22 Avon Street Septic upgrade:** Scott is waiting for the as-built plan prior to final inspection and sign-off.

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey** – no update.

**Health Department Clerk position** has been posted.

**Minutes:** Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from September 12, 2023.  
Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

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

G&L Labs bill for August 2023 beach water testing: Total = \$505.00

**Jay made a motion to approve the G&L Labs bill for \$505.00. Peter seconded.**

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

Salmon VNA bill for August communicable disease, no COVID-19 cases: Total = \$569.50

**Jay made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for printer ink: \$569.50. Peter seconded.**

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

**Board Comment:** None

**Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:36 PM. Peter seconded.**

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

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 10-10-23