

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## October 10, 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

### **Holliston Woods Septic Upgrade - 1830 Washington Street**

- Dan Coughlin, Coughlin Environmental Services, Professional Engineer and designer for the current system discussed the condition of the septic system, the efforts to mitigate the problems, and the plan and schedule moving forward.
- The original system was a State approved alternative system. They are proposing changing to a conventional septic system, with the installation to be completed this year.
- The first system was chosen for cost reasons.
- Dan shared the new system draft plans with the Board. This new system will have a higher elevation, but not significant.
- Dan will have the completed plans to Scott for approval by Wednesday afternoon. Scott will block out time to review the plans and expedite the approval.
- Pulte has committed to the repair and ordered the pumps, the components with the longest lead time, to ensure the installation schedule is not delayed. Pulte is still in the warranty period with this septic system.
- The Board asked Dan questions about what happened and when, and Dan explained to their satisfaction.
- Dan explained that they will train the septic system management company to take over the operations and maintenance, to smooth the transfer after installation completion.
- The Board wants to be kept updated and appraised promptly of any delays.
- Walter Dias, Holliston Woods Trustee asked questions that Dan answered.
- Deb Osborne, 39 Jackson Drive, Holliston Woods, was hopeful, and thankful for this upfront communications and efforts to solve this problem.

### **COVID-19 Update:**

- There are 2 active COVID-19 cases in Town, bringing the total to 3171 cases.
- There have been no new cases at Timothy Daniels House.
- Scott requested COVID-19 test kits that have just become available. He will keep the Board updated.

### **Mosquitoes:**

- Scott sent the Board the latest Massachusetts Department of Public Health Arbovirus Report.
- There is no change in the Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus cases.

**83 Mohawk Path:**

- Carmen Shay, Title 5 Inspector, who wrote an incorrect Title 5 Inspection Report for 83 Mohawk Path in 2022, claiming a 550 gallon per day capacity, has not provided the corrected report yet that was promised.
- The Board will need to decide if they want Scott to send a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection who licenses Title 5 Inspectors reporting this error.

**164 Westfield Drive** – Scott Wolfe, Briggs Corporation, the housing court appointed receiver, has the interior of the house cleaned and is ready for a structural evaluation by the Building Inspector.

**Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC):**

- Scott will be attending the October 12<sup>th</sup> HDAAC meeting.
- Scott invited the Board to participate with HDAAC and help with their subcommittees.

**Tire Drop-off:**

- Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project facilitated a Tire Drop-off on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> for Holliston residents and collected 46 tires.
- The Highway Department was present at the Marshall Street Recycling Center to support them.

**Flu Clinic:**

- Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to noon at the Placentino Cafetorium, 235 Woodland Street.
- Pre-registration requested, but walk-ins will be welcome as supplies last.
- The COVID-19 booster shot will be available, but not subsidized by the Town.
- Set-up time is 8:00 AM for volunteers who want to help.

**Complaints:**

- Kathryn Lane had a trash complaint. Scott will investigate.
- Birchwood Road had a rooster complaint. Scott will forward it to the Agricultural Commission.

**Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from September 26, 2023. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

**Breakfast with Santa** – Scott explained that the non-profit Holliston Lions Club requested a food permit fee waiver for their annual Breakfast with Santa, proceeds going to the Town. The Board discussed the request.

**Jay made a motion to approve Holliston Lions Club request to waive the food permit fee for the Breakfast with Santa. Peter seconded.**

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

**Bills:** None

**Board Comment:** Jay asked about:

- **799 Washington Street** – Gulf Station: Scott explained that Travis Ahern, Town Administrator is in negotiations for transfer of ownership of the property, but with Town Meeting next week, Travis has been busy.

- **Downtown Sewer Project** – No change on this as Travis Ahern, Town Administrator has been busy with the upcoming Town Meeting.
- **465 Hopping Brook Road – Underground Injection Control:** There has been no application or fee submitted so there has been no action. The Select Board hasn't looked into the Pharmacann permit regarding medical or recreational use.
- **National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey** – The survey is complete. The posting has been removed from the Town website. Scott is waiting for feedback from the National Center for Health Statistics.
- **Health Department Clerk position** has been posted, and there has been some interest.
- **Water Street Commercial Kitchen** – WSK is trying to permit a commercial kitchen where people can rent one of the 2 spaces to cook food for catering or food trucks. The building should be ready at the beginning of 2024. They will need to oversee the renters and the renters will need to have ServSafe. They have added inside and outside grease traps to handle the capacity.

**Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:57 PM. Peter seconded.**

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

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 10-24-23