

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## October 24, 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:** Robert Travers, 78 Jackson Drive, Holliston Woods, asked about the timing for the completion of the Holliston Woods septic repair as they have a 12-1-23 closing on the Holliston Woods condo they are selling. Jay said that this question would be addressed during the meeting.

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

- Scott said that he will complete the review of the septic repair plans on Monday. The fee for the application is in the mail from Pulte, the developer.
- Paul Saulnier, P.E. has the plans also if Scott needs any back-up.
- Pulte & engineer Dan Coughlin are currently getting estimates from septic installers to complete the repair.
- The repair is targeted to be completed by 12-25-23, weather permitting. It is unlikely that it will be done by 12-1-23 for the Travers' closing on their condo, as inquired during Public Comment.
- Pulte and Coughlin have planned ahead and ordered the components with the longest delivery time, the pumps.
- Peter said that the repair of the community septic system shouldn't be critical to the sale of an individual condo. It is the language of the sale contract that may be a problem, but not something that the Board of Health can impact.
- Scott concurred that at this point the repair is Pulte's burden (still under warranty) not the homeowners.
- Jay asked if the schedule was not already a week late as the plans were not delivered on 10-11-23 as stated at the last meeting. Scott said he will have the plans approved by Monday and the repair will still be on schedule.
- The installing contractor (being selected by Pulte and Coughlin) is expected to mobilize next week and accept the pipe.
- Jay asked that Scott send the Board weekly written updates to ensure that the repair is on schedule, and understand if there are problems due to the weather or component delays. Scott agreed.
- Robert Travers asked if he could be included in the communications. Scott said that Robert could call anytime to inquire about the schedule.
- Scott assured the Board that Pulte is motivated to have the repair done this construction season.

- Peter asked about the required time for a repair is 6 months. Scott added that the State Sanitary code gives the Board the power to require the repair done more quickly if it is deemed necessary.
- Scott said he expects the Certificate of Compliance to be issued by December 25, 2023, but requiring a Grass Bond for spring grass growth.
- Jay asked about Scott doing the plan review prior to receiving the check for the fee. Scott understood regarding following protocol, but this being an extenuating circumstance with 66 homes being impacted.
- Walter Dias, Holliston Woods Trustee asked if he could be included in the updates so that he can inform the residents of the schedule. He said the communications from Pulte to the Dartmouth Management Group and then to the Holliston Trustees isn't always timely.
- With everyone's questions answered Jay asked Scott to continue with his Director's Report.

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

- There are no active COVID-19 cases and a cumulative total of 3181 cases in Town.
- Thursday, the Health Department received 1,800 COVID-19 tests to give away free to residents.
- The Town website has posted that COVID-19 test kits are available free at the Select Board office, Library and Senior Center, while supplies last.

#### **Mosquitoes:**

- There were 5 humans who tested positive West Nile Virus this season.
- There were no cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis this season.
- The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project stopped sampling mosquitoes this week.
- There is still warm weather this week and residents should continue to use good preventative precautions regarding mosquitoes and tick avoidance.

#### **Old Town Road, 17 & 33:**

- 17 & 33 Old Town Road are having their failed septic systems upgraded, and wells installed.
- They belonged to Mary Bezozzi, who has passed away, and now her son Edward Bezozzi is completing the tasks.
- 33 Old Town Road septic system upgrade is installed and waiting for paperwork to issue the Certificate of Compliance. The well is complete. 33 Old Town Road is occupied.
- 17 Old Town Road is vacant, the well isn't complete and the septic upgrade hasn't been started. Edward still has much emptying out to do as it was his mother's home. He is requesting an extension on the approved septic upgrade plan as the approval expired on August 12, 2023.

**Jay made a motion to approve to extend the septic upgrade plan date to August 12, 2024.**

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

**Downtown Sewer Project** is still waiting to schedule the requested additional soil testing. Facilities Manager James Keast has not heard from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the soil testing schedule yet. Scott will keep the Board posted.

**Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition:** Scott said there was nothing new to report.

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

**81 Wingate Road:** Scott received the plans to repair the crushed Eljen alternative septic system with conventional pipe and stone.

**Health Department Clerk position** has been posted and some candidates have applied.

**Records Request** for was received for 86 Washington Street and Marshall Street Landfill. Scott will get Jay the names of the requestors.

**Bonney Way Subdivision** plan is being reviewed by Scott and his comments will go to the Planning Department.

**Massachusetts Health Officials Association Annual Conference:** Scott will attend Wednesday and Thursday.

**799 Washington Street – Gulf Station:** no change. Scott will keep the Board apprised.

**Minutes:** Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from October 10, 2023. Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

**Bills:** The following bill was discussed and approved:

Salmon VNA bill -September communicable disease, no COVID-19 cases: Total = \$134.00  
**Jay made a motion to approve the Amazon bill for printer ink: \$134.00. Peter seconded.**  
**Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

**Flu Clinic:**

- On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> there where 99 seasonal influenza shots and 30 COVID-19 boosters administered.
- A Holliston High School student volunteered for community services hours, a graduation requirement for National Honor Society. A thank you letter was sent.

**Board Comment:** None

**Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:35 PM. Peter seconded.**  
**Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.**

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 11-14-23