

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

December 12, 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

30 Green Street- Goodwill Park- Tight tank - Mark Frank, Holliston Parks and Recreation Director

- Mark presented the septic renovation of Goodwill Park at 30 Green Street to the Board.
- The septic facilities are undersized for the demand, limiting the size of programs Holliston Parks and Recreations can offer.
- Currently they are using porta-potties from April through September, which is an expensive short-term solution.
- David Wells, Principal Designer, Chemini Design Architects is proposing a tight tank option that has been utilized in this type of seasonal application.
- Peter explained that septic regulations would allow tight tanks in a seasonal situation where a conventional system would not be feasible, not simply expensive.
- A conventional septic system design would require raised bed leach fields, rendering the playing fields unusable.
- David explained that the bottom of the tight tank will be 3 feet from ground water so there won't be a buoyancy issue.
- Scott explained that this tight tank plan would handle the septic demands for summer camps and the High School tennis program, but the larger gatherings such as Celebrate Holliston, might still require additional porta-potties. It is anticipated that the larger gatherings would be infrequent.
- Scott discussed the alarm requirements.
- Mark
 - put the job to bid
 - expects construction in the spring/summer
 - anticipates project completion by September
 - will move the Goodwill Park summer camps to Stoddard for the season
- The Board applauded Mark for his good work.

81 Wingate Road

- The 81 Wingate Road homeowner has selected an installer to repair his crushed Eljen system.
- The installer expects to complete the septic repair in January.

747 Washington Street - Porta-potty request for proposed brew house, anticipating downtown sewers.

- John Drohan, owner of 747 Washington Street explained to the Board his proposal to have a tap room/ restaurant at 747 Washington Street. He said it is different than a restaurant with the

seasonal “outdoor piece” with summer food trucks. He wants to use porta-potties to handle 100 people, until he can connect to the proposed downtown sewers.

- Currently his septic system has a 422 gallon per day capacity that could handle 20 people.
- John has spoken to Paul Saulnier, Professional Engineer to consider upgrading the septic system, but it would be expensive. John doesn’t want to spend the money if he could connect to downtown sewers in a few years. He wondered if the Board would consider any way to accommodate this situation.
- Peter explained that this situation doesn’t meet the septic regulations and they can’t bend the rules for a possible downtown sewerage that hasn’t been approved yet. The Board agreed.
- Scott explained that the Operation Questionnaire needs to be completed including what to do with the trash generated.
- Jay said there are other tenants in 747 Washington Street, and the septic plan needs to service the whole property.
- John explained that as the Chairman of the Holliston Economic Development Committee, he would like to be able to bring additional dining options to Holliston. He thanked the Board for their input.
- The Board appreciated the importance of bringing restaurants to Holliston. They encouraged John to explore the conventional septic upgrade route.
- The Board thanked John for coming to the meeting.

COVID-19 Update: There is 1 active COVID-19 case and a cumulative total of 3206 cases in Town.

Holliston Woods- 1830 Washington Street, Septic Repair:

- The first leach field is completed and operating.
- The first leach field as-built plan will be submitted soon.
- The second leach field has been stripped of the Perc-rite system and will be under construction tomorrow.
- They are on schedule for a December 25th completion.
- The installer crews have been incentivized with bonuses for on-schedule completion.
- Jay and Peter visited the site and were impressed with the work.
- Scott will send the Board another update at the end of the week.

465 Hopping Brook- Pharmacann

- No change on the Underground Injection Control request.
- There have been complaints of marijuana odor that Scott is investigating.

22 Avon Street Septic upgrade: Scott will send another reminder to the engineer requesting the as-built plan which is needed prior to his final inspection and Certificate of Compliance sign-off.

Subdivisions Scott is reviewing for Planning Board:

- Bonney Way consisting of 3 homes
- Jasper Hill Estates consisting of 4 homes
- The review will be given to the Planning Board in January.

Health Department Clerk position had a person from a temp agency start today. Human Resources will be posting the position again looking for a permanent candidate.

799 Washington Street – Gulf Station: Scott reported nothing has changed regarding the Gulf Station as Travis Ahern, Town Administrator is in Executive Session negotiating the possibility of the Town purchasing this property.

Monday 12-18-23 joint meeting with the Select Board- Scott informed the Board about a joint meeting with the Select Board regarding the downtown sewerage. The meeting will be posted as soon as a time has been established. The Board will be kept informed.

Health Department FY'25 Budget preparations are in process and will be presented at the January 9, 2024 BoH meeting.

Minutes: Jay made a motion to approve the BoH meeting minutes from November 28, 2023.
Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Bills: The following bills were discussed and approved:

United Medical Waste Management bill for sharps waste removal on 11-30-23 for \$215.00
Jay made a motion to approve the United Medical Waste Management invoice: \$215.00.
Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) posting of the open clerk position \$225.00
Jay made a motion to approve the MMA bill: \$225.00.
Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Board Comment:

Jay asked about **83 Mohawk Path – Title 5 Inspector** Carmen Shay who wrote an inaccurate Title 5 Inspection Report. Scott needs to find out what enforcement Claire Golden, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is planning on.

Jay made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 8:09 PM. Peter seconded.
Peter seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary-Aye, Peter Liffiton-Aye, Josh Mann-Aye. Passed.

Respectfully:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 1/9/2024