

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

Present: Kylie Williams, Laura Nolan, and Scott Moles.
Kylie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kylie and seconded by Laura to approve the 9/5/2019 minutes. Passed.

Approval of Bills

None

Health Director's Report

Animal Regulations were discussed:

- Input from Dona Walsh, Animal Control Officer (for Holliston and Ashland), was shared with the Board. Ashland has an Animal Permit, fee and regulations that include a manure removal plan and an emergency disaster plan.
- Mike Cahill, MA Department of Agriculture Director of Animal Health, told the Health Department to be careful regarding making regulations:
 - can they be enforced,
 - do they encourage compliance (no fee),
 - do they improve the town animal health and care,
 - do they create other problems,
 - are the issues they are targeting already covered by other regulations.
- There are State stable regulations and Town by-laws that cover animal issues.
- The Board asked that the Ag Commission Chairman, PJ Kilkelly and the ACO Dona Walsh be invited to a meeting to discuss what makes sense for Holliston.

Mosquito activity:

- There has been an 8th human case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and one West Nile Virus this season in Massachusetts.
- Aerial spraying is being done by the State and the Mass.gov website is updated daily in the afternoon.
- CMMCP continues to sample / test, and 414 State-wide samples have been positive for EEE. Information can be found at Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project website: cmmcp.org.
- An A-frame sign and the electronic sign reading "EEE Risk Critical. See Town website" are posted on Washington Street.
- The Health Department continues to field calls regarding EEE.
- Universal precautions should be observed, and can be found on our town website along with the press releases.

Town Hall Septic System is under scrutiny by the Board of Selectmen (BoS). There was a septage overflow 2 weeks ago and the BoS is calling for a committee to study the Town Hall's cesspools. Scott has spoken with Jeff Ritter, Selectman Mark Ahronian and Paul Saulnier (Civilized Solutions). The

septic system is pumped after large functions in upper Town Hall, but the last overflow was not after a function.

Restaurants:

- The Mangia Pizza shop, which was closed in January, will be reopened as a new pizza restaurant in the next few months. The new owner has met with Scott.
- The new Subway manager will be buying the franchise and become the owner.

Open Position on the Board of Health

The Board of Health moved to Room 105 to join the Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the filling of the open position on the BoH. There are 3 candidates for the position: Barbara Peatie, Jay Leary and Sean Fay.

- The BoS asked the BoH, Scott Moles and the 3 candidates to introduce themselves.
- The BoS interviewed the candidates.
- This vacant position is an appointment until the next Town election, May 2020.
- The BoS asked how the BoH has been faring with an open position, and what they were looking for in the new member.
 - Laura said they were not limited by the vacancy.
 - Kaylie said there were no issues with the vacancy, but a 3rd member would be another voice in discussions.
- The BoH said they recommend appointing Sean because of his interest in joining town government having been a non-voting member of the Conservation Commission waiting for a voting position. He brings a new perspective, and knowledge of the workings of the Conservation Commission.
- Scott said all 3 candidates were great and we really appreciate them volunteering for the position.
- Mark Ahronian was concerned that the BoH was “recommending a friend” for the open position
 - Kylie said she had just met the candidates.
 - Laura only knew Barbara from sharing plants.
- Tina Hein asked if the 3 candidates would consider running in the May 2020 election regardless of the appointment decision, and all 3 candidates said they would.
- Jay Leary and Barbara Peatie said they respected the BoH’s recommendation and withdrew their names from consideration.
- The BoS motioned, voted and appointed Sean Fay to the open position on the BoH.

The BoH moved back to Room 019 to continue their meeting.

Board Member Comment

None

Kylie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Laura. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 9-16-19