

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Thomas Ellis (*Chair*)
Josh Mann (*ViceChair*)
Jay Leary (*member*)

Scott Moles, *Health Director and Agent*
Ann Adams, *Health Department Clerk*
Lisa Deering, *Health Department Clerk*

Thomas Ellis, BoH Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Scott read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-present, Josh Mann – present, Jay Leary-present

Public Comment: None

Town Run Clinic:

- Cynthia Listewnik, School Committee Chair, reported back to the BoH that School Superintendent Dr. Kustka would like a flu clinic for the teachers.
- The Board told Scott to figure out how to run a flu clinic for the teachers, and also the senior citizens.
- Logistics were discussed. Options will be explored. Scott will keep the Board posted.
- Cynthia said the Schools would allow the Board access to a location in the Schools to run a clinic.
- Josh said the clinic needed to happen during the school day.
- In the past the School “clinics” (vaccinating the staff over a several week period) were very different than a one day clinic.
- There is money in the flu revolving account to pay for a third party vaccine provider.
- ARPA and CARES funding was discussed.
- Salmon VNA might be a provider (flu clinic only not COVID-19), and Scott will keep the Board posted.
- Jay is sure a pharmacy will be happy to run this clinic.
- Jay and Thomas said they would be willing to help with these clinics.
- COVID-19 clinics were discussed regarding boosters and vaccinating younger children.
- Josh would like to explore pneumonia vaccinations. Scott explained his prior experience with that in Millis.

Local Upgrade Approvals – 32-34 Central Street hearing – Eric Dickinson, R.S., Civilized Solutions

- Eric Dickinson presented the proposed upgrade plan for 32-34 Central Street
- The lot is very small with little options so they are requesting setbacks to the property lines, to the building and to the high groundwater per the proposed septic upgrade plan dated 10-05-21 submitted by Eric.
- Eric explained that the building has 2 retail spaces and 2 apartments (1 bedroom each).
- The leach field will be located under the parking lot.
- There are Conservation Commission considerations also.
- Three maple trees will be lost.
- There are few other options for the septic upgrade of this failed septic system.

Jay made a motion to accept the LUA requests for 32-34 Central Street as outlined in the plan presented. Thomas seconded.

Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

COVID-19 update:

- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases in Town=937, active cases 18
- Holliston remains at yellow risk level by the State's COVID-19 designation.
- Thomas said maybe the mask mandate could be lifted if the Town became a grey risk level.
- Trick or Treating guidelines were discussed. Thomas said we should share the DPH or CDC guidelines. It is an outdoor activity, and we can encourage safe practices.

Mosquitoes: Holliston remains low risk category for Eastern Equine Encephalitis as there are no cases in tested mosquitoes. The Board continues to recommend taking precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito exposure.

Covanta Transfer Station: The garage bay doors have been fixed.

Tobacco Compliance Tobacco Violation Fine:

- Holliston Mobil paid their tobacco violation fine.
- Holliston Superette has until November 1st to pay their fine.

Minutes: Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from September 28, 2021. Jay seconded.

Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Bills: The following bill was discussed:

MAHB – Massachusetts Association of Health Board annual dues. \$150.00

Thomas made a motion to approve the MAHB bill. Jay seconded.

Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

MAHB courses for Board member happens on two Saturdays in November at locations in Taunton and Marlboro. Scott will let the Board know when they are available.

Next Meeting is October 26, 2021. There will be an LUA hearing for 65-75 Central Street if the abutters get notified in time. Scott will keep the Board posted.

Board Comment: none

Thomas made a motion at 8:07 PM to adjourn the BoH meeting. Josh seconded.

Roll Call: Thomas Ellis-Aye, Josh Mann- Aye, Jay Leary-Aye. Passed.

Respectfully:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 10-26-21