

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Present: Holliston Board of Health (BoH): Jay Leary (Chairperson)
Peter Liffiton (Vice- Chairperson)

Scott Moles, *Health Director/Agent*
Kristin Abraham, *Health Department Clerk*
Deborah Lee, *Health Department Clerk*

Scott Moles opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Scott Moles read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health Roll Call: Jay Leary – present, Peter Liffiton- present

Public Comment: None

Directors Report:

COVID-19 Update: There is a cumulative total of 3370 cases in Town as of March 16, 2024.

- As of March 2, 2024 there are a total of 8 new cases bringing the total from 147 to 155.
- The positivity rate is 7.34%
- State is reducing the vaccine number reporting to a monthly basis.
- Flu and Respiratory illness are still around 12% and as of March 16, 2024 but are trending down.

Mosquitoes & Ticks:

- Larviciding: they are trying to start by April 1, 2024.
- Mosquitoes will be coming out early because of all the rain.

Village on the Green:

- Condo agreement reviewed and recorded.
- Sewer manholes need to be finished for the issuance of the COC.
- 3 units have been released.

Scott met with: Karen Sherman (Town Planner), Mel Hanlon (Economic Development Commission) and Madison Colantonio (Manager of WSK Inc.) to discuss an Artist and Vendor Market for this summer on Tuesday evenings with a meet the chef event. Discussed what would be needed for a special permit. They will met again sometime in May.

Waste Water Treatment: Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2024 and will discuss update on the Woodland St wastewater project.

HDAAC Meeting: Governance & DEI (Diversity, Equality & Inclusions): Building Strategies for a More inclusive Community: Scott will attend meeting on March 28, 2024.

Measles: There has been an uptick in Measles cases in the state. None have been reported in Holliston. CDC is watching with DPH.

Bee Social – 45 Chestnut Street: The Select Board voted favorable for a Beer and Wine license to be submitted to the State for Boston Honey Company but it is contingent on having the necessary building and BoH permits.

22 Avon St.:

Peter Liffiton: Asked about the 22 Avon St. project. Both Peter and Scott went and looked at the site. Peter noted that he had added fill in the area but if Scott had pursued the continued issue after they discussed it after the last meeting.

Scott Moles: Scott informed Dana Sanderson of the deadlines on the project and discussed what he needed to completed for the final grading. Scott acknowledge there is a continued problem of the silt running under fence onto 22 Avon and more rain is on the way. He cannot issue any fines as he is still within the timelines of finishing the project. In the end Scott agreed with the board that he does need to inforce the silt fence and sand bags that are not working to prevent issue and it should not wait for the final grading.

Jay Leary: A site visit is great but the homeowner should not have to wait until May and the final grading. The problem needs to be fixed and mitigated now. Scott needs to visit with Dana Sanderson and take care of what is not working with the silt fence. He asked for both 22 Avon St. and 45 Chestnut St. Boston Honey to be on the next BoH agenda.

Plans:

-Approved Form A Total 5 Year to date 21

3/7/2024 547 Washington Street- Tent

3/11/2024 603 Winter Street- Shed

3/14/2024 964 Highland Street- Deck replace/expand

3/14/2024 98 Robert Road- Kitchen Renovation

3/18/2024 415 Chamberlain Street- Home Remodel/ layout change

-Approved Septic Plans Total 3 Year to date 21

2/27/2024 623 Winter Street

2/29/2024 62 Ridge Road

3/11/2024 1419 Washington Street

-Perc Tests performed Total 2 Year to date 14

3/14/2024 747 Washington Street

3/18/2024 35 Dudley Road

Administrative Business:

Minutes:

- Change Waited to Waiting in the 22 Avon St section

Jay Leary made a motion to approve the BOH meeting minutes from March 26, 2024

Peter Liffiton seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary – Aye Peter Liffiton – Aye Passed.

Bills:

- Salmon VNA March 13, 2024 \$770.50 for communicable disease investigation.

Jay Leary made a motion to approve the Salmon VNA bill from March 13, 2024 for \$770.50

Peter Liffiton seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary – Aye Peter Liffiton – Aye Passed.

- Stantec March 13, 2024 \$191.00 for BoH- Covanta Transfer Station

Jay Leary made a motion to approve the Stantec bill from March 20, 2024 for \$191.00

Peter Liffiton seconded. Roll Call: Jay Leary – Aye Peter Liffiton – Aye Passed.

Board Comment:

Peter Liffiton: Asked about Mr. Moran retiring. **Scott Moles:** He is waiting for his wife to retire and then he will. We do have a draft RFP and could have someone within 30 Days in case Mr. Moran decides to retire.

Jay Leary: Asked if any news on a Form A for Boston Honey Company. **Scott Moles:** responded No

Jay Leary: Asked about the downtown sewer project. **Scott Moles:** responded meeting set for April 16th

Jay Leary: Asked about Hopping Brook Road. **Scott Moles:** Responded nothing new.

747 St. Brewery:

Jay Leary: Asked about the Brewery. **Scott Moles:** Responded that the Perk has been completed and the survey is in process. He is waiting on design plans to be submitted. They have had discussions on trying to get interim occupancy if they split the system or have a temporary tank for 3 months to get through summer but it would have to go to Town Council to be approved.

Jay Leary: Questioned why would it be sent to Town Council and what is the rule for the occupancy and asked for confirmation that an approved plan does not give them occupancy. He expressed concern with discussion between Scott and the Brewery and not being brought to the board. **Scott Moles:** Once we have an agreement and if it is out of the norm it would be sent to Town council. The brewery has had discussions on wanting some kind of interim occupancy while they build a new system but that is dependent on a full design plan being submitted. A Certificate of Compliance is needed for occupancy and an approved plan only allows for them to start applying with the state for a Beer and Wine license.

Peter Liffiton: Thought the initial discussion was good but he has concerns on the new information presented. They have an occupied facility in use to a limited extent and until they put in new system that is what they are limited to. It is the board who makes the decisions especially anything outside of standard regulations. He also raised concern that they already have partial occupancy and if we increase the occupancy now would they potentially destroy the old septic system.

Peter Liffiton: Asked for 747 Brewery, 22 Avon, and Bee Social be on the next BoH Agenda.

Jay Leary made a motion to adjourn the BoH meeting at 7:32 P.M. Peter Liffiton seconded.

Roll Call: Jay Leary- Aye, Passed.

Respectfully:

Deborah Lee, Board of Health Clerk

Approval Date: