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### Board of Health January 9, 2020 6:30 PM MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

**Present:** Chairman, Gerald Picardi; Clerk, Robert Ogilvie; Board Member, Ralph Jensen; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group.

#### New Business

- **Health Agent Contract**

The Health Agent and the Board signed a contract for the Health Agent from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022. Contract was handed to the Town Administrator on the same night.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 17 Maple Avenue, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failing septic system of this two-bedroom dwelling. The system will be designed for a three-bedroom house, a minimum standard for Title 5. The proposed field is in the same area of the existing system. The landscape of the backyard slopes towards the back of the property (about 2-3 feet). The system will be slightly mounded, and a swale will be provided to alleviate any trapped water. The interior plumbing will be raised. The engineer is requesting two local upgrade approvals. The first is from 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum four-foot vertical separation between the high ground water elevation and the bottom of the soil absorption system with a percolation rate greater than two minutes per inch. This will reduce the height of the mound above the system and eliminate the need for a pump chamber. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from four feet to three feet is requested. The second local upgrade is in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis was requested.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrades requested and the presented plan dated January 8, 2020. Mr. Jensen seconded; vote carried unanimously.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 20 Stockwell Drive, JJ-Col Consulting**

In conjunction with the repair of the wastewater system serving 20 Stockwell Drive, on September 25, 2019, two test pits were dug and evaluated by Strong Civil Design, to determine the underlying soil structure and to perform a percolation test. Upon excavation of the two pits the soil structure was classified as sand, but due to the soil stability within the pits, it was determined unsafe to perform a percolation test, therefore a sample of the underlying soil was collected and sent to be analyzed. The results of the test

confirmed the soil was a sand. The consultant is requesting a variance that would allow the use of the sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test as required by 310CMR 15.405(1)(i) and base the design of the repair on a rate of less than two minutes an inch. The plan has been reviewed by the Health Agent and she is waiting to hear a response from the consultant.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade requested. Mr. Ogilvie seconded; vote carried unanimously.

- **Training on Emergency Preparedness to be Inclusive of Citizens with Disabilities**

The Health Agent has set up a training for January 23. See attached handouts.

- **FY2021 Budget**

The health agent proposed to increase the budget for the compost attendant so that the compost site can be open all year in Fiscal Year 2021. The member would like to increase their salary from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Due to the potential fees with Covanta, the Board would like to propose to increase that line item by five percent instead of three percent.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion for these changes to be approved. Mr. Jensen seconded; vote carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- **12 and 14 North Main Street**

The Title 5 local upgrade requests were tabled until the next meeting because the owner does not have an agreement with the neighbors, and he has not purchased 16 North Main Street. Purchasing 16 North Main Street will give him access to 12 and 14 North Main Street without using the right of way in between 2 North Main Street and 758 South Main Street (Randolph).

### **Other:**

- A warrant in the amount of \$34,748.71 was approved for FY2020 payment.
- Bulk collection will be February 8, 2020. The Board wants the Health Agent to put together an insert in the Money Saver for bulk pick up.
- Two permits for 2020 were signed.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes from December 12, 2019 – Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Thursday February 13, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

**Adjourned at 7:13PM**

ATTEST:



DATE:

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