

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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**Board of Health**  
**February 13, 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; Bill Self, Curley and Hansen Land Surveyors; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Chris Bosse, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Amanda Decker, Substance Prevention Coordinator.

**New Business**

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 747 West Main Street, Curley and Hansen Land Surveyors**

During installation of this septic system, the designer and installer realized the plumbing inside was lower than originally proposed and could not be raised. Do to that, the field had to be lowered, bringing the bottom of the system within four feet of the high ground water table. In order to more closely match existing plumbing conditions of the building, and to avoid the possibility of a pump system, the new soil absorption system was installed lower than as shown on the design plan by approximately 10.5". The designer is requesting a local upgrade approval from 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)(2) to reduce the separation between seasonal high groundwater elevation and the bottom of the proposed soil absorption system from four feet to three feet.

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

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 245 East High Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failing septic system of this four-bedroom dwelling. The engineer is proposing to combine all the plumbing in the house and have a gravity system in the back yard. Due to the size of the property, the engineer is requesting a local upgrade approval from 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twenty-foot setback from a foundation wall to a Soil Absorption System. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from twenty feet to a minimum of eighteen feet is requested.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade requested and the presented plan dated January 29, 2020. Mr. Jensen seconded; vote carried unanimously.

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- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 57 Littlefield Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace one the existing three septic systems servicing this property. The one that is going to be replaced is currently in failure. The other two systems have passed a Title 5 Inspection. The new plan proposes a 6,500 gallon septic tank to a 3,500 pump chamber. The only area to place the field is in the front of the building. The engineer is requesting a local upgrade approval from section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum five-foot vertical separation between the high ground water elevation and the bottom of the soil absorption system with a percolation rate less than two minutes per inch. This request is due to the existing plumbing, contending with the existing slope and retaining walls. The board discussed having a automatic dialer on the septic system that will notify a responsible party when the pump chamber needs to be pumped.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrade request and the presented plan dated January 22, 2020. Mr. Jensen seconded; vote carried unanimously.

- **Public Health Nurse**

The Health Agent informed the Board of recent scheduling changes with the Public Health Nurse. He will be having the blood pressure clinic on the third Thursday of the month between June and November and it will switch to the last Thursday of the month between December and May. Recently, the nurse was not informing the Health Agent of what hours he would be holding the blood pressure clinics. Going forward, the nurse will inform the Health Agent through email of any changes.

- **ACES Update from the Prevention Coordinator**

Amanda Decker presented to the board. See attached updates.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

## **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 \$38,573.47 was approved for FY2020 payment.
- Bulk collection was on February 8, 2020. 14.84 tons of items were collected.
- The Board of Health is scheduled to meet with the Board of Selectmen on February 22 at 10:00AM to discuss the FY2021 budget.
- The clothing bins at the Avon Baptist Church have been removed.
- The Health Agent has an opportunity to attend the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for an emergency preparedness summit. This summit will take place from March 30, 2020-April 3, 2020.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes from January 9, 2020 – Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday March 12, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

**Adjourned at 7:52PM**

**ATTEST:**

*Rolt Ogilvie*

**DATE:**

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