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# Town of Avon

## Massachusetts



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**Board of Health**  
**March 12, 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; Eric Beckerman, Avon Board of Selectmen; Jason Suzor, 50 Littlefield Street; Ellen Norian, 62 East Main Street; Dan Norian, 62 East Main Street.

**New Business**

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 11 and 13 Robbie Road, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this commercial property. The building is made up of warehouse and office space. There is no plan to increase the flow of the system. The existing system is partially located under the pavement. The new proposed system will have a septic tank and pump chamber with an elevated field. The engineer is requesting a local upgrade approval from Section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires that the minimum vertical separation from the soil underlying the soil absorption system to the high ground water elevation shall be four feet with a recorded perc rate greater than two minutes per inch. A local upgrade that would allow a vertical separation reduction from the required four (4) feet to three (3) feet was requested.

This system will have a dual pump because it is a commercial property. The Board suggests the owner have an automatic dialer on the pump chamber that will call a responsible party when the pump has stopped working.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrade requested and the revised plan that will be reviewed by the health agent. Mr. Jensen seconded; vote carried unanimously.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 150 Main Street,**

Did not come to the meeting. Health Agent has not heard from the engineering company.

- **Automatic dialer for septic systems**

The Board discussed putting a policy in place that would require automatic dialers for septic systems. Some people silence the alarms and they do not get serviced like they should. If the pump is not working,

it will call backups and overflows of the septic system. The Board will suggest to all commercial properties that they have a dialer that will call a responsible party (owner, maintenance company, pumper etc). Mr. Ogilive will reach out to some people he knows about what types of dialers are out there and how they work. Will also reach out to the town electrical inspector.

- **75 Robbins Street – AirBnB Rental**

It was brought to the Health Agents attention that this address is renting their house on AirBnB. The last Board of Health meeting the owner was at, he said he was not renting the property. The Health Agent has not made an inspection of this property. Avon has a regulation that any rented properities need to be inspected prior to renting. There is also a swimming pool on this property. If the property is going to be rented, the pool should be licensed as a semi-public swimming pool and follow the Swimming Pool Code. The Board wants the Health Agent to send a letter to the owner that he has thirty days to get the required inspections and permits.

- **147 Main Street – change of ownership**

The business is being sold. The Health Agent met with the new owners and gave them an application. They need to fill out with servsafe certification. An inspection will need to be made prior to the permit being signed by the Board of Health.

- **Joe's Dogs – Mobile Food Truck**

Application was received for a mobile food truck to sell hot dogs. The Health Agent is waiting for the permit from the commissary. The application will be reviewed and an inspection of the mobile food truck will be made prior to operations.

- **COVID-19**

The first positive case of Coronavirus (Covid-19) occurred in Boston, in February. The CDC continues to classify the immediate health risk posed by Covid-19 as low. If any cases have been discovered in Avon, the Avon Board of Health would be notified immediately through the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiology Network (MAVEN) and the Homeland Health Alert Network (HHAN). These communication tools are used by the MDPH and the Avon Board of Health twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Although the risk to Massachusetts residents is still low, many of the things that we do to protect ourselves from the common cold and flu will help protect you and your loved ones from any type of respiratory virus, including, Covid-19. Below, you will find a list of ways to take action.

1. **Wash** your hand often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If unable to wash, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Wash hands before eating.
2. **Avoid** touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, without first washing your hands.
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5. **Stay home** from work or school, seek health care, and avoid contact with others, including large social gatherings and public events.
6. **Avoid** close contact with others who are sick.
7. **Think ahead** about how to take care of yourself and your loved ones if the virus starts spreading in the community. Visit [mass.gov/KnowPlanPrepare](https://www.mass.gov/KnowPlanPrepare) for a preparedness checklist.

Operational guidance has been distributed to our first responders and the Avon Public School. As of now, we are not planning on cancelling any upcoming town-sponsored events. The School Department will let the community know directly of any alterations in school activities and events.

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- **Spring Clean Up**

The Board decided to have Spring Clean up on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

- **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.
- 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 February 13, 2020 – Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Thursday April 16, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

**Adjourned at 7:30PM**

**ATTEST:**



**DATE:**

4-16-20



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To: Avon Board of Health  
From: Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent  
CC: Avon Board of Selectmen  
Date: March 5, 2020  
Re: February 2020 Health Agent Monthly Report

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### Septic Systems

- Two septic systems are being installed.
- Three percolation tests were performed.
- One (1) Disposal Works Installer's Permit was issued.
- Two septic system plans were approved at the February Board of Health Meeting.
- Two septic systems had components repaired to ensure proper functioning.
- Two pump trucks were inspected and licensed.

### Housing

- Two housing inspections were made.
- One Health Occupancy Permit was issued for 61 Pond Street, Unit 1.

### Substance Prevention Efforts

- See attached.

### Food Establishments

- Two food establishments lost power due to a car accident. Both were inspected prior to opening.
- Most food establishments lost power during a storm on February 7. All that lost power were inspected.

### Emergency Preparedness

- Through the Plymouth County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, I will be attending the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Summit from March 31 to April 3 in Dallas, Texas.

### Public Health

- The monthly blood press clinic was held on February 27.
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#### **Solid Waste and Recycling**

- Bulk collection took place on Saturday February 8. 14.84 tons of material was collected.
- Eleven (11) complaints about trash/recycling were received.
- If residents need pink bags for curbside textile pick up, call Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068.
- Use the Remyder App for updates about pickups and schedule changes.

#### **Upcoming**

- The Board of Health's next meeting will be on March 12, 2020 at 6:30 in the Board of Health Office.
- The Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at the Council on Aging on March 26, 2020. The Public Health Nurse will also be testing blood glucose levels.

## **Key Highlights - February 2020**

### **Community Assessment**

- Youth Risk and Behavior Survey - planning out survey collection for April 2020
- Community Survey - working with area towns to develop a community survey for April 2020
- Focus Groups with COA, Parents, Youth - Setting dates for youth focus groups for May 2020

Data will be used to measure progress and may be able to help bring in additional grant funding for initiatives in the future.

### **Rotary Club on behalf of ACES**

- Brought new member, Ann Fogg to meeting
- Working with Interact Club to provide over 100 thank you letters to veterans
- Working on a project now to bring resources bags to the homeless that will include information on community resources
- Working on a project to connect youth with Senior Citizens and help them with isolation using technology. Teach how to facetime, etc.

### **Norfolk County District Attorney's Office Coalition leaders on behalf of ACES**

- Donating ACES a Hidden in Plain Sight kit to show the community what early signs of drug use can look like. Asking Officer Michael Thiel to be trained to facilitate and he will attend the March 18th training. Selectboard member Ric Beckerman has also agreed to be trained.
- Coalition we mentored (Milton) got a National Award for coalition of the year.

### **Greater Brockton Health Alliance on behalf of ACES**

- Working on a Racial Justice project with the Alliance and creating new funding guidelines. The next alliance meeting will be held on March 6th at 9:00am at the Stoughton YMCA and will feature Emily Miller who will be training the group on working with children and families who have experienced trauma.

**Tobacco and Racial Justice Training** with the 84 - 30 students and 3 adults attended training. The training focused on ways the tobacco industry targets communities of color.

**Photo Voice Project** Working on a Photo Voice Project with the ACES interns. Asking the board to save the date of 5/19 at 5pm for a reception to present their project. Formal invitations will follow. Also asking the board for a list of people they think should attend and the youth will mail those people an invite as well.

**SALSA** - 28 youth signed up to be trained to present SALSA to 5th & 6th grade

**Prevention 101 Training** - February 26th from 12-2 (12 community members and school leaders signed up to attend)

**DFC Training**- Took the DFCMe training to learn new reporting for the last Drug Free Communities report due on 2/26