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Board of Health July 2, 2020 6:30 PM MINUTES

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

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

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 15 School Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this four (4) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the usage. The new system will be slightly mounded, this property had a high ground water level. The soil was too saturated to perform a percolation test. Two local upgrade approvals were requested. The first is from Section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum five (5) 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. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from five (5) feet to four (4) feet is requested. This upgrade will reduce the size of the mound. The second request is in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWN/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis is requested.

The Health Agent requests that two typos are corrected, and a plan resubmitted.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the two local upgrades requested and the proposed plan with corrections. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 52 Robbins Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

During installation, large boulders/ledge was encountered, and the septic tank was moved two feet closer to the slab foundation of the garage. One local upgrade approval was requested from section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum ten (10) foot setback from a slab foundation wall to a septic tank. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from ten (10) feet to a minimum for eight (8) feet is requested.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade request. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 274 East Main Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

Due to the urgency of beginning the process of approving this plan, the engineer is requesting a local upgrade approval in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWN/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis is requested. The plan has not been submitted at this time because the engineer is waiting for the sieve results from the lab. If any other local upgrade approvals are needed, the plan will have to go before the Board of Health again. If none, the Health Agent is able to review plan.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

- **COVID-19**

Currently, Massachusetts is in Phase II, Step 2 of reopening. Phase III, Step 1 will begin Monday July 6. With that phase, the following will be eligible to open:

- Movie theaters and outdoor performance venues;
- Museums, cultural and historical sites;
- Fitness centers and health clubs;
- Certain indoor recreational activities with low potential for contact;
- Professional sports teams, under the authority of league-wide rules, may hold games without spectators

Under the updated gatherings order, indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space.

Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 100 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. This includes community events, civic events, sporting events, concerts, conventions and more. This order does not apply to outdoor, unenclosed gatherings if proper social distancing measures are possible.

There was no follow up sent to the Board of Health about opening the Flea Market at the church.

Avon Fish and Game is interested in beginning to use the outdoor grill and when they can open the inside of the club. The Board discussed that these activities should be able to resume in Phase III, Step 1.

- **FY2021 Budget Update**

Board of Health, Waste and the Public Health Nurse budgets were passed at Town Meeting on June 29, 2020.

- **End of FY2020 Budget Update**

Below is a summary of year end spending:

Account		Spent	Balance
BOH Expenses	01-510-002	\$7,810.20	\$189.80
Public Health Nurse	01-529-001	\$1,191.50	\$2,308.50
COVID-19	21-510-907	\$2,179.07	\$7,820.93
ACES	01-510-002	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
ACES Earmark Funding	21-510-985	\$26,434.18	\$3,652.87
Waste	01-433-002	\$440,277.86	\$39,902.14

- **Trash and Recycling**

Many residents have been requesting additional totes due to being home through the COVID-19. I have been asking residents to look at what they are throwing away and try to recycle more. Avon has a high trash tonnage per household, and we need to work on reducing that amount. If they do that for two weeks, then they can purchase an additional trash tote for \$75.00.

The contract with Waste Management ends next June. The Health Agent will start researching what needs to be done to get a bid out.

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 \$13,339.36 was approved for FY2020 payment. This was for grant related expenses.
- A warrant in the amount of \$37,224.62 was approved for FY2020 payment. This was for general expenses.
- A warrant in the amount of \$2,540.00 was approved for FY2021 payment.

Approval of Minutes:

- Not reviewed

Next Meeting:

- Thursday August 13, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom

Adjourned at 7:27PM

ATTEST: 

DATE: 8-14-20