

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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# Town of Avon

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TOWN CLERK

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**Board of Health**  
**September 10, 2020**  
**6:30 PM**  
**MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Clerk, Ralph Jensen; Member, Robert Ogilvie; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Mitchell Kansky, South Park Realty Trust; Patricia Hunt, South Park Realty Trust; Jay Patel

**New Business**

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 144 Packard Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failing septic system of this three (3) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the usage. The engineer is requesting a local upgrade approval from section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum four (4) 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. The proposed system will be about 1 – 2 feet above grade. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet is requested. The Health Agent has no objection to the approval of the proposed plan.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the additional local upgrade request and the proposed plan. Mr. Jensen seconded, both in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 54 South Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failing septic system of this three (3) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the usage. The existing system is a couple pits in the back yard, those will be pumped and filled. The proposed system is in the front yard and the system will flow by gravity from the 1500 septic tank in the back of the house to the field in the front yard. The new field will blend in to the existing hill in the front. The septic tank will be approximately 2 feet above existing grade and will have a slight mound over it. The engineer is requesting a local upgrade approval from Section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum four (4) 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. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet is

requested. This will help with grading and allow the system to remain a gravity system. The Health Agent explained that the soils changed from the back yard to the front yard, that is why the field is in the front even though there is more space in the back yard. Initially, the engineer tried to perc the back yard, but the rate was about 20 minutes per inch. He tried the front yard to see if the soils were different. By placing the field in the front, the engineer was able to eliminate the need for a pump chamber. Mr. Ogilvie asked how far down the sewer pipe was located in the ground, for concerns of frost. The pipe will have at least six (6) inches of cover and there shouldn't be any liquid remaining in the pipe because it is all sloped down toward the distribution box. The Health Agent has discussed the plan with the engineer, there are some typos that need to be revised, he will mail new plan. The Health Agent has not objection to approving the plan with the proposed changes.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrade request and the proposed plan with anticipated changes. Mr. Jensen seconded, both in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 382 Page Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this five (5) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the usage. The existing system tank series of flow diffusers, which will be abandoned in place. The proposed system will have a 2,000 gallon septic tank that will flow by gravity to the leaching field. The field will be kept close to the house to blend in the grading. A liner will be provided around the downhill part of the field for breakout concerns. This plan has a typo that the Health Agent spoke to the engineer about. He will revise and mail a new plan. The Health Agent has not objection to approving the plan with the proposed changes.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrade request and the proposed plan with anticipated changes. Mr. Jensen seconded, both in favor.

- **Title 5 Change in Use of Building, 11 Memorial Drive**

Mr. Patel is proposing to open a convenient store at 11 Memorial Drive. Only prepacked will be sold at the premise, no food shall be prepared on site. The system passed a Title 5 Inspection made on June 21, 2020. The inspection was made by Richard Johnson of D & J Environmental Services. The building has been vacant for many years. The Health Agent is proposing that if the Board of Health allows the use of this system that, after one (1) year of occupancy, another Title 5 Inspection shall be performed, and water records will be reviewed.

This only applies to this applicant for a convenient store. If another applicant wants to occupy the space, the Board of Health shall review again.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to allow the use of the existing septic system for a convenient store with the conditions that in a year after occupancy, a Title 5 Inspection is made and the the water usage is reviewed with the understanding that the system may need to upgraded. approve the local upgrade request and the proposed plan with anticipated changes. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, both in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 506 Page Street, Landmark Site Design**

After further review of the plan, the request for a local upgrade was a typo. No LUA required for this plan.

- **ACES**

There is a grant opportunity that Amanda wanted to speak to the Board of Health about. She received a call from Stephanie Patton, the prevention coordinator for Stoughton. she is looking to partner with some communities to apply to a grant from the state that is going to be out soon. The grant would have four communities' partner together and would be eligible to receive \$125,000 a year for a 2 years program. The grant will allow the communities to work on prevention of substance us and also address other issues that are popping up during this pandemic such as mental health and reducing access to substances. The communities that have been asked to be involved are Avon, Stoughton,, Norwood and Easton. Avon was asked to join because we have established prevention work in town where are some other communities



that are just starting out. There will be three phases; planning, implementation and innovation. The innovations phase has the opportunity to continue the work and funding for up to eight years. Amanda doesn't have all the details of the plan yet, she is going to meet with other coordinators on Monday. The Board would have to approve in the end, so she wanted the Boards buy in. Amanda has seen this grant in other communities, and it is a great way to have regional messaging and regional data collection. She is excited a larger community is looking to partner with us. Stoughton would be the lead writer; they will do all the filing and paperwork.

Amanda also wanted to point out that today is national suicide prevention day today and there are a lot of great resources out there if anyone needs them and to get support for anyone that is struggling. It is important not to have people isolated.

- **COVID-19**

As of today, Avon stand strong, have not had any positive cases since last meeting. We stay in the gray/unshaded. Communities are around us are mostly green.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

- **Appointment of Animal Inspector**

Currently, the Health Agent is the Animal Inspector. Mr. Picardi signs paperwork from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) nominating Ms. Waldron as the animal inspector. There is no records with the Town of Avon that the Health Agent is also the Animal Inspector. The Health Agent was asked by the Town Administrator to have the Board of Health officially appoint Ms. Waldron as the animal inspector.

### **Old Business**

- **12 and 14 North Main Street**

Properties are still on the market for sale. The Health Agent was told that the seller is trying to come to an agreement with the neighbors in order to move forward with the installation of the system.

### **Other:**

- A warrant in the amount of \$38,685.99 was approved for FY2021 payment.
- FY2021 Budget Update  
Below is a summary of year to date spending:

<b>Account</b>		<b>Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>
BOH Expenses	01-510-002	\$3,523.25	\$4,476.75
Public Health Nurse	01-529-001	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
COVID-19	21-510-907	\$1,654.82	\$5,345.18
ACES	01-510-002	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
ACES Earmark Funding	21-510-985	\$0.00	\$0.00
Waste	01-433-002	\$76,336.29	\$417,163.71

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes from August 13, 2020- Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, both in.

**Next Meeting:**

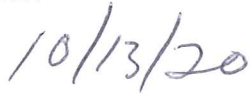
- Thursday October 10, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jensen seconded, both in favor. Meeting ended at 7:33PM

**ATTEST:**

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**DATE:**

A handwritten date in blue ink that reads "10/13/20". The numbers are written in a simple, slightly slanted style.