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## Board of Health October 11, 2018 6:30 PM MINUTES

### Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Present:** Chairman, Gerald Picardi; Ralph Jensen, Clerk; Robert Ogilvie, Associate Member; Brendon Viling, Grady Consulting; Joe Webby, Webby Engineering Associates; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Mark Moran, Howland Disposal; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 26 Crane Street, Grady Consulting, LLC**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this three-bedroom dwelling. There is no plan to increase the flow to the system. One Local Upgrade Approval was requested from 310 CMR 15.405(l)(i) in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1 to allow the use of a sieve analysis where a percolation test could not be performed. The Health Agent made requests for a typo on the plan to be changed and for the pipes leaving the distribution box to be at least two feet long.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade request per the plan dated October 3, 2018 and approve the plan with the requested changes. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, vote carried unanimously.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 726 West Main Street, Webby Engineering Associates, Inc.**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this three-bedroom dwelling. There is no plan to increase the flow to the system. Webby Engineering is proposing a new septic system where the underlying soils are sands that have a percolation rate of 2 minutes per inch and the adjusted season water table is at an elevation 93.71. In order to eliminate the need for a pump, and to keep the new system at the existing grade, a request to allow a reduction in the separation between the bottom of the septic system and the seasonal high ground water from five feet to four feet was proposed.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrade request per the plan dated July 18, 2018 Rev. 10/5/2018, and approve the plan as presented. Mr. Jensen seconded, vote carried unanimously.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 55 Oliver Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failing septic system of this four-bedroom dwelling. There is currently a tank and existing soil absorption system. There is no plan to increase the flow to the system. This property has high ground water and poor soils. The existing system is located in the back of the yard, however there are also wetland in the backyard, so the proposed location is in the front yard. Three Local Upgrade Approvals were requested. The first from section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires that a minimum vertical separation from the soil underlying the soil absorption system above the high groundwater elevation shall be five feet with a recorded percolation rate of less than two

minutes per inch. A variance that would allow a vertical separation reduction from the required five feet to four feet is requested. The second is to allow the use of a grain size distribution analysis in accordance with DEP guidance policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1 to establish the design loading rate. The third is a request from section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twenty-foot setback from the foundation wall to the soil absorption system. A local upgrade allowing a reduction from twenty feet to nine feet is requested and a liner will be provided.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade request per the plan dated August 24, 2018, and approve the plan as presented. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, vote carried unanimously. A deed restriction will be required with the setback upgrade.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 80 School Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failing septic system of this three-bedroom dwelling. There is currently a tank and existing leaching pit. There is no plan to increase the flow to the system. This property is restrictive due to a stream and wetlands in the rear of the property. Two Local Upgrade Approvals were requested. The first is from section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum vertical separation from the soil underlying the soil absorption system above the high groundwater elevation shall be four feet with a recorded percolation rate greater than two minutes per inch. A local upgrade that would allow a vertical separation reduction from the required four feet to three feet is requested. The second was a variance in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade approvals requests per plan dated September 28, 2018 and approve the plan as presented. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, vote carried unanimously.

- **Howland Disposal**

Mark Moran from Howland Disposal came to the meeting to discuss some questions the Board had about Bulk Collection Day.

Q: Do residents need to call Howland when big items are put out for bulk day?

A: No

Q: Does each mattress/boxspring need a ticket?

A: No, one ticket with the number of items being picked up is fine.

Q: Should there be a limited number of items that residents can put out.

A: It is up the Board. The Board discussed limiting the number of large items to four (4)

Q: Are fences considered construction material?

A: Yes, they will not be picked up on bulk day.

Q: Will barrels without the Avon logo be picked up?

A: No. Extra bags should not be picked up either.

Q: Will you pick up any electronic items?

A: No.

The health agent will work on a flyer to get the information to residents for the next bulk pick up day.

- **11 Memorial Drive**

Someone is interested in renting the property for a convenient store. The Title 5 inspection expires on October 19, 2018. A new Title 5 inspection shall be performed, if it passes, the space can be utilized for the allowable gallons per day. If the interested party wants to increase the flow to the system, the septic system must be upgraded. A letter will be sent to the owner of the property.



- **Joanna Road Proposed Project**

A proposed plan of eighty (80) single family homes has been submitted to the town. A discussion among members brought about some concerns of trash pick up and the maintenance of the septic system. The health agent has not seen a detailed plan, but it appears that all the homes would share a treatment facility with one leaching field (Amphidrome System). The health agent will follow up with MassDEP and Howland Disposal and write a letter to the Town Administrator of the Board's concerns.

- **FY2020 Budget**

The health agent asked if the Board would consider funding ACES. The ten-year grant ACES began with will end in June 2019. The Board needs more information, they would like to see statistics over the last ten years, invite Amanda Decker (ACES Coordinator) to the next meeting and consider what other towns are doing to sustain a program similar to this.

**Other:**

- A warrant in the amount of \$39,335.15 was approved for payment.
- Both flu clinics were very successful. A total of 135 people were vaccinated. Last year, only 75 residents were vaccinated.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day will be October 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-12:00PM at the Randolph High School Parking lot.
- The health agent spoke with Waste Management regarding the letter that was sent to their customers about recycling. Their main concern seems to be removing plastic bags from recycling along with any contaminated products. Contaminated products are considered anything covered in food.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes from September 13, 2018 – Mr. Jensen moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday November 8, 2018 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

**Adjourned at 8:07PM**

ATTEST: 

DATE: 