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Board of Health October 12, 2023 5:00 PM MINUTES

This meeting was hybrid. All Board Members met in person. Meeting called to order at 5:00PM

Present: Chairman, Ralph Jensen; Clerk, Robert Ogilvie; Member, Jeffrey Tibnam; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; Sharon Simon, Board of Health Administrative Assistant; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Peter Lavoie, Landmark Site Design; Greg Driscoll, JDE Civil; Deb Morin, Finance Director.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 510 East Main Street, Collins Civil Engineering**
The proposed plan is to repair the failing septic system serving this four (4) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Two local upgrades were requested. The first 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 allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet was requested. The second was a request from section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum ten (10) foot setback from a slab foundation to a septic tank. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from ten (10) feet to a minimum of eight (8) feet was requested.
Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrade and the plan as presented, with a deed restriction. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.
- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 64 Pratt Street, Landmark Site Design**
The proposed plan is to repair the failing septic system serving this five (5) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Two local upgrades were requested. The first 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 allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet was requested. The second request is from section 310 CMR 15.227 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twelve (12) inches vertical separation between the high ground water elevation and the lowest tank invert. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from twelve (12) inches to a minimum of one (1) inch is requested. Groundwater will need to be determined at the time the tank is being installed. Both septic tank and pump chamber will be monolithic tanks and filter fabric will be added over the soil absorption system. Mr. Lavoie needs to resubmit the paperwork to the Board of Health with the correct owner's information.

Mr. Tibnam made a motion to approve the local upgrades with the understanding that Mr. Lavioe will need to meet the health agent onsite to determine groundwater and that he will make the changes on the plan that were discussed tonight. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 15 Crane Street, Jacobs Driscoll Engineering**

The proposed plan is to repair the failing septic system serving this three (3) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Two local upgrades were requested. The first from 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h) to reduce the four-foot separation from the bottom of the proposed Quick 4 Plus STD Chambers system to three (3) feet. 3.11 feet would be provided. The second is for a variance in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis was requested.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the local upgrades and the plan as presented. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.

- **Update on Septic Betterment Program funds request for 73 North Main Street**

The betterment funds have about \$72,000 available to loan out to a resident to replace their failed septic system. The proposal to replace the septic system at 73 North Main Street is about \$68,000, leaving about \$4,000.00 available to lend out. The Town Finance Director, Deb Morin, joined to discuss use of the Betterment Program funds. The Town does have the option to borrow additional money from the state. Deb explained in more detail how the program works, that the town borrows the money from the state and lends it to residents to replace/repair their septic system. The residents pay back the town at 5%. The Board approved to allow the use of all the funds needed to replace the septic system at 73 North Main Street. The Health Agent will look into borrowing more money from the state.

Old Business

- **Fees**

The board discussed the current fees. The board agreed to raise the annual tobacco permit fees from \$50 to \$150. The Health Agent will inform the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Tibnam made a motion to raise fees to \$150. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

- **Violations of the Food Code**

Discussed some options for repeat violations of the food code. Will discuss more at the next meeting.

- **Updates to the compost site**

The DPW has fixed the old fence. There is power available at the pole on the street to bring to the shed. Once that is complete, a space heater will be provided for winter.

- **Preparation of waste hauler contract**

The board of Health is looking to get a proposed contract back from Republic.

- **Hauler and Mandatory Recycling Regulations**

Discussed mandatory recycling for residential and commercial units in Avon. Will draft regulations for the Board to look at in the next meeting.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

Other

- **Warrant Approval**

A warrant in the amount of \$50,843.21 was approved for FY2023 payment.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from September 13, 2023 - Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday November 9, 2023, at 5:00PM.

Mr. Tibnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38PM. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

ATTEST: 

DATE: 11-9-23