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Board of Health
December 14, 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; Sharon Simon, administrative assistant and recording secretary; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Simon Chawah, Avon Gas and Service; Peter Patel, On Avon Corporation; Donald Dong, Big Jim's Liquors

New Business

• **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 19 Bartlett Street, Collins Civil Engineering**

The proposed plan is to repair the failing septic system serving this multi-unit, eight (8) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Two local upgrades were requested with this plan. The first is a local upgrade in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis. The second is a local upgrade 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) to three (3) feet was requested. The proposed plan and the upgrades were approved with the following conditions:

- There is a pipe that appears to be draining into the stream next to the library. The source of this pipe needs to be identified and potentially removed.
- A cleanout needs to be added to the sewer pipe that begins in the front of the house, ties into plumbing in the middle and then goes to the septic tank.
- An automatic dialer should be added to the pump chamber. The dialer will call the owner of the property or a pumping company so that the cause of the pump alarm can be immediately addressed.

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

• **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 96 Malley Avenue, Collins Civil 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. Three local upgrades were requested. The first is a local upgrade in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established

via grain size distribution analysis. The second is a local upgrade 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 greater than two minutes per inch. A local upgrade allowing a reduction from five (5) to four (4) feet was requested. Lastly, a local upgrade was requested from Section 310 CMR 15.227 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twelve (12) inch vertical separation between the high ground water elevation and the lowest tank invert. A local upgrade allowing a reduction from twelve (12) inches to a minimum of two (2) inches was requested. With this approval, boots must be installed on the inlets and outlets that will be less than twelve (12) inches.

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

Tobacco Renewal Applications

- On Avon Corporation: Will need new workers compensation information after January 1, 2024. Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to grant a permit for 2024. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.
- Town Food Mart: Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to grant a permit for 2024. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.
- Big Jim's Liquors: Mr. Tibnam made a motion to grant a permit for 2024. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.
- Avon Gas and Service: Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to grant a permit for 2024. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.
- Avon Smoke Shop: Discussed that through the Department of Revenue, they cannot sell ENDS for thirty days, beginning December 21 2023. This currently does not affect their Avon Tobacco Permit. Mr. Tibnam made a motion to grant a permit for 2024. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

Green Mattress curbside pickup

Green Mattress Recycling, LLC is a business in Brockton who collects mattresses and box springs for recycling or disposal. They can offer Avon residents curbside collection. Residents would need to schedule a pick up day and pay a fee through the Green Mattress website. All information will also be on the Board of Health website.

Old Business

Revised Republic Services Contract

Republic Services submitted another proposal to the Board of Health. This proposal is a 9% increase from our contract instead of 11%. The Board would like more time to think about this proposal and discuss at the next meeting.

Hauler, Mandatory and Avon Solid Waste and Recycling Regulations

The board reviewed the proposed regulations. No discussion.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the regulations. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor. These will go into effect January 1, 2024.

Health Agent Report

See attached.

Correspondence

- Letter from National Grid (December 5, 2023) See attached. No discussion

Other

• **Warrant Approval**

A warrant in the amount of \$109,856.67 was approved for FY2024 payment.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November 9, 2023 - Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday January 11, 2024, at 5:00PM.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29PM. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

ATTEST: 

DATE: 1-11-24