

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Ralph Jensen, Chairman  
Robert Ogilvie, Clerk  
Jeffrey Tibnam, Board Member

**HEALTH AGENT**  
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# Town of Avon

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### **Board of Health** **January 11, 2024** **5:00 PM** **MINUTES**

**This meeting was hybrid. All board members met in person. Meeting called to order at 5:01PM**

**Present:** Chairman, Ralph Jensen; Clerk, Robert Ogilvie; Member, Jeffrey Tibnam; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent; Sharon Simon, administrative assistant and recording secretary; Azu Etoniru, E.T. Engineering; Sarah Matthews, Win Waste Innovations; John Hotaki, Win Waste Innovations.

#### **New Business**

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 108 Pratt Street: E. T. Engineering**

The proposed plan is to replace the failing septic system serving this three bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Six local upgrade approvals were requested. The first is a local upgrade approval to allow a three (3) foot separation between the bottom of the soil absorption system and the high groundwater instead of four (4) feet. This is in order to avoid potential storm water runoff impoundment and ponding against the existing dwelling foundation and slab on grade garage structure. The second request was for a local upgrade to allow the septic tank and pump chamber setback of 3.5 feet from the building foundation and the garage slab in lieu of the ten (10) foot requirement from Section 310 CMR 15.211. The third request was for a local upgrade from Section 310 CMR 15.211 to allow a soil absorption field setback of 4.4 feet from a garage slab and 9.2 feet from a building foundation in lieu of a ten (10) foot setback from a slab and twenty (20) foot set back from a foundation from Section 310 CMR 15.211. The fourth request is from a local upgrade in accordance with 310 CMR 15.404(3)(d) to reduce the leaching area by 16%. The fifth request is for a local upgrade to allow the reduction of the required five (5) foot overdig to a one (1) foot overdig along three sides of the field (westerly, southerly and easterly). Lastly, there was a request to allow the septic tank and soil absorption to field setback from ten (10) feet to a minimum of 1.3 feet. Before issuing a permit to begin work on installing this septic system, a deed restriction must be filed with the registry of deeds. The restriction must state that this dwelling shall not exceed a three bedroom dwelling and that a garbage grinder shall not be used on any fixture.

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

- **Waste Service Contract**

The Win Waste Innovation team discussed with the Board their proposal (attached) to be the hauler of trash and recycling for Avon. Win Waste presented some of the innovations they are working on and the potential for future disposal of waste.

After comparing the proposals from Win Waste Innovations and Republic Services, Mr. Jensen made a motion to continue our current contract with Republic Services. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

- **Allowing collection of mattresses/boxsprings from other communities**

The Holbrook Health Agent asked if the Avon Board of Health would be willing to accept mattresses and boxsprings from Holbrook residents. The Health Agent is in favor of this and would suggest the Board charge 19.00 per item. The Board of Health has some concern that there would be a large influx in the number of mattresses and box springs the site receives and that the Holbrook DPW would be bringing truckloads of items to the site. If we were to enter into an agreement, the board would want the option to end services with thirty days' notice. The Health Agent will follow up with the Holbrook Health Agent to let them know we are willing to enter into an agreement.

**Old Business**

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached

**Other**

- **Warrant Approval**

A warrant in the amount of \$ 46,360.06 was approved for FY2024 payment.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from December 14, 2023

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

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday February 8, 2024 at 5:00PM

Mr. Tibnam made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM

ATTEST: 2-8-24

DATE: 