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Board of Health **June 8, 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 Patel, A1 Market; Oanh Quach, A1 Market.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 1 Howard Lane, Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc.**
The proposed plan is to repair the failed septic system serving this existing four (4) bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Two local upgrade approvals were requested. The first request is from Section 310 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 (2) minutes per inch, allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet was requested. The second request is from DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1 to allow a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis.
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 22 Freeman Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc.**
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 upgrade approvals were requested. The first request is 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 (2) 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 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twenty (20) foot setback from a foundation wall to a soil absorption system (SAS). A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from twenty (20) feet to nine (9) feet was requested. A liner will be provided around the system between the foundation and the SAS. The third request is from Section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum ten (10) foot setback from a foundation wall to a septic tank or pump chamber. A local upgrade allowing a reduction from ten (10) feet to five (5) feet is requested. A liner will be provided around the system between the foundation and the tank. A deed restriction must be executed and recorded at the Registry of Deeds that states the property must not exceed a three-bedroom dwelling for as long as this system is in use.
Mr. Tibnam made a motion to approve the local upgrades and the plan as presented with a deed restriction. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

- **Application for a Tobacco Product Sales Permit at 85 East Main Street**

The Board of Health received an application for a new owner of A1 Market. The owner, Ms. Quach, was present at this Board of Health meeting. The board discussed with the applicant and Mr. Patel the next steps of the process. Liability of insurance information was missing from the application, will need to be submitted. Peter Patel, former owner, will remain as contact person. The Board will also need to receive a new food permit application. The board also discussed with Ms. Quach and Mr. Patel that the previous violations would remain with the establishment.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the tobacco permit upon completion of missing paperwork. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.

- **Preparation of waste hauler contract**

The Board discussed that the current contract with Republic Services will end on June 30, 2024. The Board is interested in continuing services with Republic. The Health Agent brought up a couple topics that were discussed, such as, considering getting a price for collecting recycling every week, violation stickers, changes to bulk collection, a contract for three years verses five years. No immediate changes will take place. The Health Agent will reach out to Republic Services to start the process of a proposed new contract, she will ask for options of recycling every week, a three and five year contract and the price with and without bulk collection.

Old Business

- **Revising the Regulation of the Avon Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products**

The Board reviewed the draft of the proposed regulation changes.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the regulations. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor. The regulations will be effective beginning June 15, 2023.

- **Updates to the compost site (fence, shed and power)**

The shed was delivered. The Health Agent is working with the Department of Public Works to replace the fence. The next step will be getting power for the site.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

Other

- **Warrant Approval**

A warrant in the amount of \$63,990.92 was approved for FY2023 payment.


Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from May 11, 2023 - Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday August 10, 2023 at 5:00PM.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49PM. Mr. Tibnam seconded, all in favor.

ATTEST: 

DATE: 8-10-23