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TOWN CLERK

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Present: Chairman, Gerald Picardi; Clerk, Robert Ogilvie; Board Member, Ralph Jensen; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; Jim Colantonio, JCC Engineering; Rob St. John, Avon West V; Marci Kovick, parent; Mary Cole, Bay State Community Services Tobacco; Mikayla von Ehrenkrook, Avon Middle High School; Kaitlyn von Ehrenkrook, Avon Middle High School; Darren Tran, Avon Middle High School; Sam Auguste, Avon Middle High School; Amanda Decker, Avon Prevention Coordinator.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 20 Stockwell Drive, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The current septic system was installed in 1992 with the field being replaced in 2009. The owners are looking to add a coffee establishment which would increase the flow of the septic system. While digging some test pits, the distribution box began overflowing into the parking lot. For that reason, the Health Agent deemed that the system was in failure. After some more investigation and digging, it was observed that the existing leaching pipes have a black biomat around them and are blocking the flow into the field. Samples were taken of the black biomat for laboratory analysis. A sample of natural material was sent for a sieve analysis and came back as a sand with a percolation rate of less than 2 minutes an inch. The original design was for eight minutes. The engineer believes the failure of the field is due to the flea and tick treatments used at the pet store. If a coffee establishment was to be added, a grease trap would have to be installed. The Board is willing to allow this repair, however Petco, would need to add interior filters and the septic tanks would have to have filters. The Health Agent will further review the plan prior to any approval. No vote taken.

- **ACES Update**

Mrs. Decker showed the Board two short videos about prevention. Michaela shared information about Red Ribbon week, October 20-26 and that Red Out Day is October 23. She read the Red Ribbon Proclamation to the Board. ACES will be reading the proclamation to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting tonight.

The students asked the Board to consider banning the sale of mint and menthol cigarettes.

They mentioned that students begin smoking with peer pressure and the use of cigarettes in group hang outs if the products are available. In ACES, students work on reasons to say no to first time use and why. If one student can say no to another student and explain the reason why, it typically stops the peer pressure. Most students in Avon Middle High School are not using tobacco products.

The students also brought to the attention of the Board that there was a store in town that violated the Tobacco Regulation and that establishment did not have their permit suspended for seven days, like the regulation states. They expressed that they understand why, but they wish the Board would consider the students when changing the enforcement of the regulation and the effect it has on the community.

Mrs. Decker expressed what incredible examples these students are in the community and how involved they are.

Ms. Cole mentioned that the Department of Public Health is working on new initiatives to ban mint and menthol flavors. Mint is the most popular for youth that JUUL. Menthol makes smoking "smoother" and studies are showing it is targeted for minority use.

Fifteen other communities have banned mint and menthol, including Stoughton.

Other:

- A warrant in the amount of \$35,107.39 was approved for FY2020 payment.
- Bulk collection day will be November 9, 2019.
- Flu clinics were held on September 24 from 12-4:30 and October 10 from 4-8. 128 residents attended. The Health Agent is trying to work with Holbrook to possibly host one more clinic.
- Household hazardous waste day will be on October 26 from 9-12.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from September 12, 2019 – Mr. Ogilvie moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday November 14, 2019 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

Adjourned at 7:44 PM

ATTEST: 

DATE: 11-14-19