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Board of Health April 16, 2020 6:30 PM MINUTES

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. 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; Tom Morris, Outback Engineering Incorporated; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 6 and 8 Bows Lane, Outback Engineering Incorporated**
The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this duplex dwelling. There is no plan to increase the flow of the system. The new proposed system will have a septic tank and pump chamber with an elevated field. The engineer is requesting two local upgrade approvals. The first from Section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires that the minimum vertical separation from the soil underlying the soil absorption system to the high ground water elevation shall be four feet. A local upgrade that would allow a vertical separation reduction from the required four (4) feet to three (3) feet was requested. The second request is a local upgrade approval from Section 310 CMR 15.405(1)(i) to allow a sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test. Suitable material was found at depth of 84" and weeping water was also found at the same elevation and a perc test could not be performed. Granting these local upgrade approvals will allow the applicant to replace the existing dialed septic system with a new Title 5 septic system in the same location. The proposed system otherwise complies with all the requirements of the State Environmental Code and the regulations of the Town of Avon. The Health Agent is requiring the groundwater to be confirmed during an open hole inspection with the engineer.
Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the two local upgrades requested and the plan as presented. Mr. Jensen seconded. Mr. Picardi was unable to vote due to technical equipment error.
- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 13 Foster Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**
The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this four-bedroom house with no plan to increase the flow of the system. The plumbing will have to be rerouted in the house. A local upgrade approval 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 approval allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet is requested. This upgrade will eliminate the need for a pump. Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the local upgrade request and the plan as presented. Mr. Ogilvie seconded. Mr. Picardi was unable to vote due to technical equipment error.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 46 Glendon Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this four-bedroom house with no plan to increase the flow of the system. A local upgrade approval 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 approval allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet is requested. This upgrade will eliminate the need for a pump.

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the two local upgrades requested and the plan as presented. Mr. Jensen seconded. Mr. Picardi was unable to vote due to technical equipment error.

- **Automatic dialer for septic systems**

No additional information for automatic dialers. The Fire Chief has requested that any alarms on the pump system are amber instead of red. The Fire Department has received some calls when the pump alarm is on because residents think it is associated with fire. The Fire Chief mentioned there is not financial hardship to install the amber instead of red. The Board is in favor.

- **COVID-19**

The town currently has 29 positive cases of confirmed COVID-19. The videos put out by the Health Agent and the Fire Chief are working well for getting information out to residents. Avon is between Randolph and Brockton, who are both in the top 5 for highest positive cases per capita in the state. There are public health students who have been helping the Health Agent check in on positive cases. These students are working remotely, they are given a first name and phone number, they ask the resident how they are feeling and what their symptoms are.

For up-to-date information regarding Covid-19, visit the MDPH's website at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus or the CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov. Any updates relative to the Town of Avon will be distributed through the Town Website: avon-ma.gov. The situation continues to evolve quickly, so we will be sure to provide prompt updates as the situation dictates.

- **Spring Clean Up**

The Board decided to postpone Spring Clean up to the fall.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

Old Business

- **12 and 14 North Main Street**

The Title 5 local upgrade requests were tabled until the next meeting because the owner does not have an agreement with the neighbors, and he has not purchased 16 North Main Street. Purchasing 16 North Main Street will give him access to 12 and 14 North Main Street without using the right of way in between 2 North Main Street and 758 South Main Street (Randolph).

Correspondence

- **Norfolk County Mosquito Control**

Notification that there will be spraying for mosquitos in Avon was sent out. See attached.

- **Release notification Form from Corporate Environmental Advisors**

Waste Management was leaking hydraulic fluid on the streets last month. This is a follow up of that event. See attached.

Other:

- A warrant in the amount of \$34975.60 was approved for FY2020 payment.
- A warrant in the amount of \$940.64 was approved for COVID-19 associated costs.
- The Health Agent has an opportunity to attend the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for an emergency preparedness summit. This summit will take place from March 30, 2020-April 3, 2020.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from March 19, 2020 – Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday April 16, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

Adjourned at 7:30PM

ATTEST:



DATE:

5-14-20



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To: Avon Board of Health
From: Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent
CC: Avon Board of Selectmen
Date: April 14, 2020
Re: March 2020 Health Agent Monthly Report

Septic Systems

- One septic systems was installed.
- One percolation test were performed.
- Zero (0) Disposal Works Installer's Permit was issued.
- Two septic system plans were approved at the March Board of Health Meeting.

Housing

- Two housing inspections were made.
- One (1) Health Occupancy were issued for 395 West Main Street, Apartment 2

Substance Prevention Efforts

- See attached.

Food Establishments

- All food establishments were visited to make managers aware of the Governors prohibitions. Some restaurants have decided to close completely. Those establishments will need to be inspected prior to reopening.
- Three (3) complaints were made about having too many people in a store at one time. I followed up with the managers.

Emergency Preparedness

- The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Summit was moved to August.

Public Health

- The monthly blood press clinic was canceled this month.
- The first positive case of Coronavirus (Covid-19) in Avon towards the end of March. By March 30, there had been 10 positive cases. The Health Agent is contacting anyone who tests positive in Avon and contact tracing who ever they had been in close contact with. She follow ups all converstations by sending an email with information on isolation and quarantine.

ACES Key Highlights – March/April 2020

COVID and Substance Use Disorder

- Working to spread information about COVID and Substance Use Disorder

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Because it (COVID-19) attacks the lungs, COVID-19 could be an especially serious threat to those who smoke tobacco or marijuana or who vape. People with opioid use disorder (OUD) and methamphetamine use disorder may also be vulnerable due to those drugs' effects on respiratory and pulmonary health. Additionally, individuals with a substance use disorder are more likely to experience homelessness or incarceration than those in the general population, and these circumstances pose unique challenges regarding transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. All these possibilities should be a focus of active surveillance as we work to understand this emerging health threat.

We are working with neighboring coalitions and sharing materials with resources for the public to help vaping cessation. New guidance from the Greater Boston Tobacco Free Partnership was shared on a Zoom call this week and is available for review.

Rotary Club on behalf of ACES

- The youth component of the Rotary Club has not been able to take place due to COVID-19. The youth were working on an initiative to provide bags with supplies to the Soup Man for the homeless. The Rotary Club agreed to provide the Soup Man with a donation of \$500.00 to support their efforts at this time.

Norfolk County District Attorney's Office Coalition leaders on behalf of ACES

- The regular DA meetings have been cancelled but the District Attorney is still hosting its two online competitions. We gave the information to the school to promote.

Greater Brockton Health Alliance on behalf of ACES

- The group is meeting virtually and working on hiring an intern to promote the coalition. The coalition is working on helping communities with racial equity.

Tobacco and Racial Justice Training with the 84 - 30 students and 3 adults attended training.

Photo Voice Project Met virtually with the84.org. Due to COVID-19, it doesn't look like we will be having an event on May 19th. The funders are open to youth creating their own video presentations. I have an email out to the youth to schedule a google video call.

SALSA - 28 youth signed up to be trained to present SALSA to 5th & 6th grade. Due to COVID-19, we have moved training on-line. We are hoping to create a video for the 5th & 6th grade youth at this point

Prevention 101 Training - Held training on February 26th from 12-2

Mike Thiel, Dawn Stockwell, Jen Mayo, Mary Blackburn, Ric Dockendorff, Christine Frew, Ric Beckerman and Kathleen Waldron were all in attendance



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To: Boards of Health

From: David A. Lawson, Director,
Norfolk County Mosquito Control District

Date: April 6, 2020

Re: Notice of Aerial Larval Control Application

In accordance with 333 CMR 13.04 (7) (a & b), please consider this as notification of the pending aerial application targeting mosquito larvae in the wetlands in the District.

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District will be conducting helicopter applications of the biorational larvicide Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) to control mosquito larvae. These applications will be conducted over specific large wetlands in the Towns of:

**Avon/Bellingham/Braintree/Canton/Dedham/Dover/Foxboro/Franklin/
Holbrook/Medfield/Medway/Millis/Milton/Needham/Norfolk/Norwood/
Plainville/Quincy/Randolph/Sharon/Stoughton/Walpole/Westwood/
Weymouth/Wrentham**

These applications will be conducted over a likely 2 to 4-day window, lasting only 2 days, anytime between **April 13, 2020**, and **April 27, 2020**. ***As always, the weather in the spring is unpredictable. For this reason, the District cannot pin down actual application dates with any more accuracy at this time. We will send out further notices as the application date approaches.***

The trade name of the granular formulation of Bti to be used is VectoBac GR (EPA Reg. #73049-486). **This is not a "spray"**. For further information contact David A. Lawson, Director at (781) 762-3681 or the Boards of Health in the towns listed above. Information is also available on line at www.norfolkcountymosquito.org

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak and all the complications surrounding that, the NCMCD has decided to alter our 'normal' aerial application this year. We will be removing some wetlands that have edges that very closely abut neighborhoods. The intent of this change is to create a bit more of a buffer between the helicopters and the homes. We receive very few 'complaints' each time we conduct these applications, but one of the most common complaints is about the low flying helicopters over homes. With stress levels already heightened, and more folk's home