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Board of Health May 14, 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; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 7 Johnson Road, 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 proposed system would be located in the back of the house. This site has poor soil and high groundwater. Two local upgrade approvals were requested. The first 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 minutes per inch. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet is requested. This upgrade will reduce the size of the mound in the back yard. The second request is in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1 which would allow a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis.

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

- **COVID-19**

The town currently has 62 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.

The Health Agent has been in contact with a company to set up a drive through testing site in Avon. 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.

- **Compost Site Opening**

The Compost Site is scheduled to open on May 20, 2020. In order to safely open, the following will have to be in place.

- Compost attendant will be wearing a mask.
- All residents are required to have a mask available and must use if you cannot keep a distance of 6 feet from another person.
- When a person enters the compost site, they will need to hold a form of identification (with their address on it) up to their closed window.
- After address verification has taken place, if the resident has questions, they may roll their window down to ask.
- Residents need to be able to lift any items into the dumpsters/containers themselves. The compost attendant will not be assisting anyone with moving or lifting items.
- The number of residents allowed in the area will be limited, if necessary, remain in your car and line up along Wales Avenue. You must be courteous to the neighbors of Wales Avenue and not block any driveways.

These guidelines are subject to change as more information about COVID-19 comes out.

- **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).

Other:

- A warrant in the amount of \$44,146.89 was approved for FY2020 payment.
- A warrant in the amount of \$359.54 was approved for COVID-19 associated costs.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from April 14, 2020 – Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday June 11, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Board of Health Office.

Adjourned at 7:13PM

ATTEST:



DATE:

6-11-20