

BOARD OF HEALTH  
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TOWN CLERK

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## Board of Health January 14, 2021 6:30 PM MINUTES

**This meeting was conducted via Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM**

**Present:** Gerald Picardi, Chairman; Clerk, Ralph Jensen; Member, Robert Ogilvie; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; William Self, Curley & Hansen Surveyors; Peter Marinelli, resident 36 Pond Street.

### **New Business**

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 9 Johnson Road, Curley & Hansen Land Surveyors**

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 house was razed due to fire damage. One local upgrade approval was requested from 310 CMR 15.405(1)(H)(2) 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.

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

- **Non-compliance of Housing Code – 1 Robbins Street**

The owner of the property had asked to come to the meeting but could not make it today. The Health Agent was called by the occupants because of a no heat complaint. The heat is now partially working, but there are many outstanding violations that have not been corrected. If violations are not corrected, the next step would be to take the owner to court. The Health Agent will follow up with the housing court and town counsel.

- **COVID-19**

Avon continues to be red, 61 positive cases over the last two weeks. The health agent is working with the Fire Chief and in the process of vaccinating first responders, total of 40. There is a three phased approach for vaccines. The health agent is trying to plan for another clinic but is not sure when we will be getting vaccine. The Health Agent also spoke with the town of Randolph in hopes of setting up a regional clinic.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached. Discussed hiring a contractor to make food establishment inspections. The Board of Health is in favor.

**Old Business**

- **647 West Main Street**

No update.

- **Trash Contracts**

Waste Management has not got back to Avon about a one-year extension. The contract was 82,000 more than it has been.

Plan on another meeting in two weeks, on January 28 to discuss trash/recycling plans.

**Other:**

- A warrant in the amount of \$34,728.63 was approved for FY2021 payment.
- A warrant in the amount of \$1,515.00 was approved for COVID-19 payment.
- FY2021 Budget Update

Below is a summary of year to date spending:

<b>Account</b>		<b>Spent</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Total</b>
BOH Expenses	01-510-002	\$4,227.40	\$3,772.60	\$8,000.00
Public Health Nurse	01-529-001	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
COVID-19	21-510-907	\$4,466.35	\$3,232.27	\$7,698.62
ACES	01-510-002	\$79.98	\$7,920.02	\$8,000.00
ACES Earmark Funding	21-510-985	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Waste	01-433-002	\$218,610.05	\$274,889.95	\$493,500.00

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes from December 10, 2020- Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday February 11 at 6:30PM via Zoom

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:20PM

**ATTEST:**



**DATE:**