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Board of Health
June 10, 2021
6:30 PM
MINUTES

This meeting was hybrid. Board members met in person; all other attendees participated via Zoom.
Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Present: Chairman, Robert Ogilvie; Clerk, Ralph Jensen; Member, Peter Marinelli; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Heather Louro, Waste Management

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 116 Pond Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failed septic system of this five-bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. The engineer is requesting three local upgrades. The first is 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 was requested. The second request was a local upgrade in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/Pep-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis is requested. Lastly, a local upgrade approval was requested 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 a minimum of twelve (12) feet is requested (crawl space only and a liner will be provided). These upgrades will require a deed restriction to keep the dwelling a five-bedroom house and that no garbage grinder will be added.

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

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 27 Butler Avenue, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failed septic system of this five-bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. The engineer is requesting five local upgrades. The first is 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 was requested. The second is a local upgrade in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/Pep-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis was requested. The third is a local upgrade from section 310 CMR 15.227 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twelve (12) inch vertical separation between the high ground water elevation and the lowest tank invert. A local upgrade allowing a reduction from twelve (12) inches to a minimum of three (3) inches was requested. The fourth is a local upgrade approval 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 a minimum of eleven (11) feet was requested (a liner will be provided). Lastly, a local upgrade approval from section 310 CMR 15.211 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum twenty (20) foot setback from an in-ground pool to a SAS. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from twenty (20) feet to eleven (11) feet is requested (a liner will be provided). These upgrades will require a deed restriction to keep the dwelling a five-bedroom house and that no garbage grinder will be added.

Mr. Marinelli made a motion to approve the local upgrades as requested, with the addition of neoprene boots, and the plan as presented with the correction requested by the Health Agent. Mr. Jensen seconded, all in favor.

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 93 Memorial Drive, Curley & Hansen**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failed septic system of this four-bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. The engineer is requesting one local upgrade request from 310 CMR 15.405 (1)(h)(2) of the State Sanitary Code which requires a reduction of separation between high groundwater elevation and the bottom of the soil absorption system with a percolation rate less than two minutes per inch. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from five (5) feet to four (4) feet is requested.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the requests on the plan. Mr. Marinelli seconded, all in favor.

- **COVID-19**

There were less than 5 positive cases in the past two weeks. The town's positive rate is 1.94% as of May 29, 2021. 59% of Avon residents have received at least one dose and 49% are fully vaccinated.

Walmart has walk in appointments for vaccines and Randolph continues the drive through clinics. Anyone over 12 years is eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

As of May 29, all industries were permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions were also lifted, and capacity increased to 100% for all industries. All industries are encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

Old Business

- **Waste Management Contract and bulk collection**

Discussed options for bulk collection. Waste Management is going to get a proposal for one or two bulk collections. The Board discussed looking into offsetting the cost to the residents, reducing the number of bulk items, charging higher fees at the compost site.

If unable to resolve bulk collection issue, the Town Administrator reached out to the town of Stoughton to see if they were interested in working together. The Health Agent reached out to Republic Services to see if they would be able to mobilize by July 1.

- **Substance Prevention Coordinator Position**

Scheduling interviews for ten candidates. The interview committee includes the ACES Steering committee, the current coordinator, the chairman of the Board of Health and Human Resources. ACES is aiming to hire someone prior to June 30th.

Other:

- A warrant in the amount of \$60,280.47 was approved for FY2021 payment.
- Signed contract with SEMASS for five years.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from May 27, 2021- Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Marinelli seconded. Minutes passed.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday July 15, 2021 at 6:30PM

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Marinelli seconded, all in favor. Meeting ended at 8:14PM

ATTEST:



DATE:

