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Board of Health July 15, 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.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 110 Page Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing failed septic system of this three-bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. The engineer is requesting one local upgrade from Section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum five (5) foot vertical separation between the high ground water 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 was requested.

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

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 470 East Main Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

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 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 Health Agent requested the following changes: a plan with a signature needs to be submitted to the Board of Health, the depth of the septic tank needs to be confirmed (it is smaller than other 1500-gallon tanks), with the approval a sieve analysis the soils need to be confirmed during a prebed inspection and

the depth on the Title 5 Report soil evaluation on Test Pit three says 108 inches, the correct depth was 158 inches.

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

- **Tobacco Compliance Checks**

All four tobacco retailers passed the compliance checks. The Health Agent will send out a letter on behalf of ACES thanking the retailers for not selling to minors.

- **Temporary Housing at 29 Feeley Street**

This house is inhabitable due to fire so a mobile home has been placed on the front of the property. The housing code states that no temporary housing can happen without permission of the Board of Health. The Health Agent made an inspection of the septic connection. There is an exterior pipe with a small grinder pump that is connected to the septic tank through the riser. Mr. Marinelli requested that the Health Agent look into if the septic system has been pumped in the last three years, if not, the Board wants the homeowner to pump the tank.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to grant permission to occupy this temporary home until the fire damaged dwelling is habitable. Mr. Marinelli seconded, all in favor.

- **COVID-19**

There were less than 5 positive cases in the past two weeks. There has been an increase in residents who have received the vaccine. 65% of residents have received at least one vaccine and 59% of residents have been 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.

Randolph is also offering COVID-19 tests Monday through Friday.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

- **Substance Prevention Coordinator Position**

In the process of hiring a new coordinator. Looking for approval from the Board of Selectmen.

- **Board of Health Administrative Assistant**

A candidate was interviewed, human resources reached out to them and they are still interested. We are planning to move forward with hiring that candidate.

Old Business

- **Bulk Collection**

Still waiting to hear from Republic Services of when bulk collection will be in August. The new fee schedule is on the town website. Working on getting calendars together for residents.

- **Food Establishment Inspections**

All but the schools and Jordan's furniture have been inspected. Only critical items were reinspected all other violations will be reviewed during the next inspection. Will start the second round in October

Other:

- A warrant in the amount of \$11,549.00 was approved for FY2022 payment.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from June 24, 2021- Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Marinelli seconded, all in favor.
- Minutes from June 10, 2021 – Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Marinelli seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday August 19, 2021 at 6:30PM

Mr. Ogilvie made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Marinelli seconded, all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:30PM

ATTEST:

Ralph Jensen

DATE:

8/19/21