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## Board of Health November 4, 2021 4:30 PM MINUTES

**This meeting was hybrid. Board members met in person; all other attendees participated via Zoom.  
Meeting called to order at 4:30PM**

**Present:** Chairman, Robert Ogilvie; Member, Peter Marinelli; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; Peter Lyons, Collins Civil Engineering Group.

### **New Business**

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 126 East High Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group**

The proposed plan is to replace the existing septic system of this three-bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Three local upgrades were requested by the engineering company. The first is 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. The second request is from 310 CMR 15.405(1)(i): To allow the use of a sieve and hydrometer lab test results in lieu of an in place percolation test. This is in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1. At the time of the soil testing, the suitable soil was found to be saturated with groundwater. Due to these conditions, a percolation test could not be performed and a soil sample for a sieve and hydrometer testing was taken. The third local upgrade approval is 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 variance allowing a reduction from twelve (12) inches to three (3) inches was requested. Boots will be provided on the inlets and outlets within twelve (12) inches of the ground water. The tank and pump chamber should both be monolithic. Mr. Lyons will revise the plan to reflect that the tanks shall be monolithic. The soils should be confirmed at the open hole.

Mr. Marinelli made a motion to approve the local upgrade requests and the proposed plan as presented. Mr. Ogilvie seconded. All in favor, vote passed unanimously.

- **Republic Annual Industry Update**

Republic is looking to schedule a meeting with the Board of Health to present annual industry updates. It is about an hour-long presentation that will cover topics such as recycling commodity trends, pandemic

impacts to the industry, nation CDL driver shortage, disposal in Massachusetts and sustainability plans. Something will be scheduled for next week.

- **Bulk Collection**

There were some roads completely missed during the collection in October. They have picked up most items and will pick up the rest by the end of the week.

- **Craft Fair on Stockwell Drive**

Last year, Steve Kitay with was in conversations with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health proposed a craft fair . It didn't take place last year, but they are trying to set it up for this year. As long as there are no changes to the plan from last year (they don't have to follow the same COVID protocols), the Board of Health has no objections to the craft fair. The fair will be held

- **Compost Site changing to Winter Hours**

The compost site will change to winter hours on Saturday December 4, 2021. After that day, the site will be open on Saturdays only from 9AM-2PM until April 6, 2022. Winter hours may be subject to change due to weather.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached.

- **COVID19 Update**

See Health Agent Report

**Other:**

- A warrant in the amount of \$ \$45,964.61 was approved for FY2022 payment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes from October 14, 2021- Mr. Marinelli made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday December 9, 2021 at 4:30PM

Mr. Marinelli made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor. Meeting ended at 5:22PM

ATTEST: 

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