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Board of Health April 7, 2022 4:30 PM MINUTES

This meeting was hybrid. Mr. Jensen and Health Agent met in person, Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. Marinelli and others joined via Zoom. Meeting called to order at 4:30PM

Present: Chairman, Robert Ogilvie; Clerk, Ralph Jensen; Member, Peter Marinelli; Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent and recording secretary; George Collins, Collins Civil Engineering Group; Nicole Letendre, Watershed Environmental Inc.

New Business

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 140 Page Street, Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc**

The proposed plan is to replace the septic system serving this existing three-bedroom dwelling with no plan to increase the flow of the system. Two local upgrade approvals were requested from 310 CMR 15.000. 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 groundwater elevation and the bottom of the soil absorption system with a percolation rate less than 2 minutes per inch. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from four (4) feet to three (3) feet is requested. The second was a local upgrade approval in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis.

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

- **Title 5 Local Upgrade Request for 28 Porter Street, Watershed Environmental Inc**

The proposed plan is to replace the failing septic system of this dwelling. The health agent was concerned with the number of bedrooms in the dwelling and the estimated high ground water. The health agent will do a walk through of the house to determine how many bedrooms are there. Ms. Letendre will revise the plan and use the bottom of test pit one as the estimated seasonal high ground water. This property will require a deed restriction.

Nothing was approved at this meeting.

- **Textile Bin at Compost Site**

Bay State Textiles will be bringing a collection box to the compost site. The other Bay State Textile collection boxes are at the schools and the funds are given back to the Boosters Club and the Avon School Association. The funds generated from the collection box at the compost site will go to the Town.

- **Community Clean Up Day**

Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday May 14, 2022. We have not been able to have this event for the past two years. The Health Agent will reach out to past sponsors to see if they are willing and able to help out this year.

- **COVID Test Distribution**

The Health Agent plans to have a drive through distribution event to give out COVID tests to residents before Easter.

- **Health Agent Report**

See attached

Other:

- A warrant in the amount of \$ \$26,670.75 was approved for FY2022 payment.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from March 10, 2022- Mr. Marinelli made a motion to approve minutes as drafted. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday May 12, 2022 at 4:30PM

Mr. Marinelli made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ogilvie seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:55PM

ATTEST:

Ralph Jensen

DATE:

5/12/2022



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To: Avon Board of Health
From: Kathleen Waldron, Health Agent
CC: Avon Board of Selectmen
Date: April 4, 2022
Re: March 2022 Monthly Report

Septic Systems

- Two (2) septic system was installed. One (1) commercial property is being installed. One property had a component of the system replaced.
- Zero (0) percolation tests were performed.
- Four (4) Disposal Works Installer's Permit were issued.
- Three (3) septic system plans were approved.
- Zero (0) sewage haulers were permitted.
- I attended two seminars focused on septic systems. I need continuing education units to renew my system inspector license in June.

Housing

- One (1) housing inspection was made due to a complaint from the occupant.
- Zero (0) Health Occupancy Certificates were issued.

Animals

- One (1) animal was quarantined and should be released on April 7, 2022.

Food Establishments

- I will be reaching out to ALSICO to start another round of inspections.

Community Prevention Efforts

- New tobacco signage was ordered and will be delivered to permitted tobacco establishments. There are two signs, one that it is illegal to sell any tobacco products to anyone under 21 and the other is information on how to quit smoking. These signs needs to be posted in a conspicuous location so that a customer would see it from the counter.

- I am going to meet with the administration of INTERFACE to discuss continuing these services.
- Emmanuela will be on maternity leave starting in June. She is working on planning out the next six-eight months so that information can still be shared while she is away and she will already have plans in place for when she returns.
- See ACES update below.

Public Health

- The Avon Council on Aging is hosting monthly blood pressure clinics.
- Randolph continues to offer FREE COVID tests Monday through Friday from 2-6 until May.
- Residents can receive at home tests by requesting them through <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
- I ordered COVID tests for employees and school personnel in January. So far, only 5 boxes out of 460 have been distributed. These tests expire in July. I would like to do a drive through pick up at the church before Easter and school vacation. It would be on a first come first serve basis, and I may limit 3 boxes to a car. I am going to discuss with the Board of Health at our meeting on Thursday, April 7.
- Following FDA's regulatory action on March 29, CDC updated its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Separately and in addition, based on newly published data, adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Janssen/J&J COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. These updated recommendations acknowledge the increased risk of severe disease in certain populations including those who are elderly or over the age of 50 with multiple underlying conditions, along with the currently available data on vaccine and booster effectiveness. At this time, I am not planning on having another vaccination clinic in town and advise all residents to go to their local pharmacy, Randolph or their primary care physician.
 - A 2nd booster dose of the **Pfizer or Moderna** may be administered to individuals **50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose** of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
 - A 2nd booster dose of the **Pfizer** may be administered to individuals **12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose** of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. These are people who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or who are living with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise.
 - A 2nd booster dose of the **Moderna** may be administered to individuals **18 years of age and older with the same certain kinds of immunocompromise at least 4 months after the first booster dose** of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine
- For information if you are eligible to receive a vaccine or booster, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>
- The state dashboard has a lot of helpful information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>
- 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.

Solid Waste and Recycling

- Effective November 1, 2022 mattresses and textiles will be banned from the municipal waste stream. Fortunately, Avon already has measures in place to dispose of these items. Residents can make an appointment online at www.simplerecycling.com for Simple Recycling to pick up textiles from their home. There are textile bins located at both schools and I am in the process of adding a textile container at the compost/recycling site (it should be delivered in April) Mattresses and boxsprings can be recycled for no charge at the compost/recycling site. If the items can not be recycled, they can be disposed of at the compost site, but there is a fee of \$60.00 per item. The most challenging part is going to be educating residents of these changes. I am going to discuss options with the Board of Health at our next meeting.
- The compost site is back to regular hours starting the first week of April. Those hours will be Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9-2.
- Residents can call Republic Services if they need to schedule a pickup of a bulk item in between bulk collection dates.
- The Board will be planning a community clean up day on May 14, 2022.
- I met with Greg, Bill and Brian at the compost site to discuss some changes to the compost site. The changes include adding a shed for the entrance of the site, possibly changing the direction of traffic and moving some of the bins to make the site more efficient.

Upcoming

- The Board of Health's next meeting will be on April 7, 2022 at 4:30PM.
- Bulk collection day will be on May 21, 2022.

ACES Key Highlights

Public Communication: Social Media and Newsletter

- Planning for consistent social media content for 6 months.
- Reposted content for National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week on Instagram stories on topics such as alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, and vaping.
- Researching social media management systems.
- Creating newsletter to begin May 2022 as well as a listserv.
- In search for a professional to create a new logo for ACES.

Trainings

- Youth Lifestyle Behaviors & Mental Health from Prevention Plus Wellness.
- Preventing Injury, Pain, and Opioid Use in the Workplace from The BeHERE Initiative.
- Understanding Organizational Implicit Bias and its Impact on BIPOC Populations from the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center.
- Substance Use in the Perinatal Period from The Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council.
- Creating Environments Where Person-Centered Planning Drives Recovery-Oriented Transformation from the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center.

Youth Leadership/Development

- Team Rival students hosted multiple volunteer hours for submissions to the challenge with the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. The team is currently strategizing ways to incentivize more students to participate before the end of the challenge.
- Student club meets on a biweekly basis with both high school and middle school students
- SALSA students are meeting on a biweekly basis and have begun preparations for presentations. SALSA presentations at Butler Elementary School are booked for June 2, 2022.
- ACES chair member, continuing training at The 84 organization and participating in sessions during the Kick Butts Day conference.

Data Collection

- YRBS administered to 7-12 grade at AMHS.
 - 276 results were produced. Some students were absent and some could not take the test because there wasn't translation available
 - This survey will be administered to the sixth graders on 4.12.2022

Coalition Development

- Coalition monthly meeting was held. Focus is now on individual meetings for the next month with coalition members in an attempt to build participation and consistency.
- The Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit took place during parent-teacher conferences and parents had the opportunity to receive information about substance abuse among teenagers.

Planning

- A regional data set for Norfolk County is being planned with coalition leaders at the District Attorney's Office.
- Chair member attending Student Training from The 84 coordinating with ACES students as well as teacher in middle school with lessons surrounding a campaign on vaping.
 - ACES club is brainstorming ways to create vaping campaigns through this avenue.
- Next steps for data collection from the YRBS will be to receive results from data analyst to create presentation for school administration and stakeholders.
- Coordination with the Council of Aging and student members in the spring. Official date is TBA.
- Expected medical leave for coordinator to be in June; execution for ongoing work during and after is being created.
- ACES club is brainstorming ideas for Mental Health Awareness Month.
 - Mindfulness boxes as well as social media campaigns are being brainstormed