Minutes 1/27/22 7:00pm

Present: Katie Goldrick- Chair, Allyson Pinkhover- Vice Chair, Abbey Myers- Health Agent

Katie Goldrick: Opens meeting

Discussion/ Vote on Collins Engineering is looking for a local upgrade approval for septic at 47 Quincy St.

1. Local Upgrade approval from section 310 CMR 15.212 of the State Sanitary Code which requires a minimum of 4' vertical separation between the high groundwater elevation and the bottom of the soil absorption system with a percolation rate greater than 2 minutes per inch. A local upgrade approval allowing a reduction from a 4' to ' is requested.
2. Variance from section 310 CMR 15.227 of the State Sanitary Code which a minimum 12'' vertical separation between the high groundwater evaluation and the lowest tank invert. A variance allowing a reduction from 12'' to a minimum of 4'' is requested.
3. Variance in accordance with DEP Policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-POO-1, allowing a percolation rate to be established via grain size distribution analysis is requested.

Peter Lyons from Collins Engineering asks Board for variances, explaining plans.

Katie Goldrick: Motion to approve local upgrade requests at 47 Quincy St.

Allyson Pinkhover: Second

All in favor 2-0

Katie Goldrick: Discussion on meeting with Cyclopure about their filters that would remove PFAS. There's would be pitcher type filters. See if we can submit a proposal to the Selectboard to purchase product (one of a kind filter). Put on a request for this to be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Allyson Pinkhover: Questions on the product and NSF testing concentrations.

Abbey Myers: Explains that filters need to be tested at certain concentrations due to NSF protocols.

Allyson Pinkhover: Concerns about vulnerable populations, that this type of product would be pertinent. Concern about it being cost prohibitive to vulnerable populations.

Katie Goldrick: Brought up that we may be able to find grants to offset the cost of the filters.

Katie Goldrick: Discussion on bringing intermediary PFAS solution to the Selectboard. The Holbrook Randolph treatment plan was explained ie. conditions, age, size. Cyclopure spoke

about potentially coming to Holbrook to see if we would fit a pilot program that would treat PFAS at the plant.

Abbey Myers: Speaks about COVID 19 numbers, January was Holbrook's largest spike. Started increasing around Christmas- spiking around January 10th 2022 and slowly going down. Speaking about how Omicron spreads more easily. Hospitalization due to COVID 19 are declining. 83% of Holbrook population has one dose of the COVID 19 vaccine- we are still seeing people getting their first dose.

Katie Goldrick: Abbey and staff were trying to get COVID-19 testing kits. Town Administrator Hanley spoke with surrounding area Towns who were also buying test kits, and found a good price for the kits. The Town will have them in Inspectional Services for distribution soon.

Katie Goldrick: Opens up discussion on Mask Mandate

Abbey Myers: Mask compliance when we were handing out permits. Some stores had masks at their entrances for their customers, but we had some stores and places who did not appear to be in compliance. People who want to wear masks will, people who don't like them won't wear them regardless of the mandate. The mandate is hard to enforce because previously we have the Governor's mandate as well as a COVID 19 compliance officer. Speaks about current DESE guidance on COVID 19 and mask usage.

Katie Goldrick: Speaking about lower the mandate to an advisory. We can put more education out, and use it as a tool.

Allyson Pinkhover: Still concerned about the COVID-19 numbers.

Discussion among Katie Goldrick and Allyson Pinkhover about the pros and cons of a mandate v. advisory. Discussion on when test kits arrive- Town Administer speaks about reporting requirements to use the ARPA money.

Abbey Myers: Speaking about language service we have to help- it has a service called Clarity which will take scientific terms and convert it to laymen's terms so it is more easily accessible.

Katie Goldrick: Motion that all persons over 2 years old including visitors, employees must wear a facial mask covering his/hers nose in all indoor locations in the Town of Holbrook. The enforcement will be Board of Health, Health Agent, and or any designated officer effective January 27 2022 through no earlier than February 25th 2022.

Allyson Pinkhover: Second

All in favor 2-0

Discussion on how to distribute test kits- night or a weekend would be a good for people who have jobs during the day and can't come to Town Hall to pick up test kits.

Abbey Myers: Discussion on DESE sending out test kits for teachers and in another week or so they will send them out to the school for those who signed up for the testing program. Sent out about 60 letters to surround physicians, dentists, pediatricians, etc. to tell them that Holbrook is

experiencing a PFAS issue. Updated policy for staff who are out with COVID-19- how to report COVID-19. Focuses on confidentiality. 8 flu cases in January, 14 flu cases in December- similar number of cases as last year. A few HEP B cases and 1 case of salmonella, and a false positive of anthrax due to hunting deer. A few minor nuisance complaints- most have been resolved. Discussion on Animal Inspector- needs to be nominated. Usually the Animal Control Officer (ACO) handles it- but currently we do not have an ACO. Speaks about being able to do Childhood Lead Inspection Determination. Speaks about PHE grant, what they next steps are for the Towns. Speaks about intern, she will help out with the contact tracing. Contact tracking has been changed by the State to be very minimal.

Katie Goldrick: Motion to end meeting

Allyson Pinkhover: Second

All in favor 2-0

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