



# TOWN OF NORWELL

345 MAIN STREET  
NORWELL, MA 02061

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

OFFICE OF  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
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September 18, 2023

**Present:**

**Peter Dillon, Chair**  
**John Carpenter, Vice Chair**  
**Natalya Davis, Clerk**  
**R. Benjamin Margro, Health Agent**  
**Kathleen Mahoney, South Shore Tobacco Coordinator**  
**Cheryl Sbarra**  
**Anne Liu, Resident**  
**Philip Mei, Resident**

**Meeting began at 5:00 PM**

**Approval of Agenda**

**-Chair, Peter Dillon, motioned to approve the Agenda. Vice Chair, John Carpenter, seconded and all approved.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**-Vice Chair, John Carpenter, motioned to approve the meeting minutes for August 28, 2023. Chair, Peter Dillon, seconded and all approved.**

**80 Norwell Avenue-Grady Consulting, LLC**

- **Scott Fanara, for Grady Consulting, LLC, representing the homeowner.**
- **Requesting approval for the use of a sieve analysis due to high ground water.**
- **Chair, Peter Dillon, informed the Board that the engineer was aware that a Deed Restriction will be required.**
- **PD motioned to approve the sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test. Clerk, Natalya Davis, seconded and all approved.**

**90 Norwell Avenue-Grady Consulting, LLC**

- **Scott Fanara, for Grady Engineering, representing the homeowner.**
- **This property has more obstacles, i.e. the power lines easement and a well that are on the property.**
- **Requesting approval for the use of a sieve analysis due to high ground water.**
- **Requesting approval for a variance to grant an easement to locate part of the septic system on 80 Norwell Avenue.**
- **Clerk, Natalya Davis, motioned to approve the sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test. Vice Chair, John Carpenter, seconded and all approved.**
- **ND motioned to approve the location of part of the septic system on the property of 80 Norwell Avenue. JC seconded and all approved.**

**154 Parker Street-Morse Engineering**

- **Gregory Morse, for Morse Engineering, representing the homeowner.**
- **Septic system repair for an existing single-family house.**

- Replacing the tank in the backyard and running the field around to the front.
- Presby enviro septic system.
- Requesting approval for the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test due to wet conditions.
- Clerk, Natalya Davis, motioned to approve the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a perc test. Vice Chair, John Carpenter, seconded and all approved.

#### **52 Barstow Avenue-Morse Engineering**

- Gregory Morse, for Morse Engineering, representing the homeowner.
- System repair. House had two systems; failed laundry system in back and passing residential system in front.
- Proposing combining the systems with one new system in the backyard.
- System to consist of a new septic tank, pump chamber, d-box and field with arc 36 chambers.
- Requesting reduction of distance between ground water and the SAS from 4' to 3'.
- Requesting an increase from 36" to 46" of the cover over the septic tank.
- Requesting an increase from 36" to 46" of the cover over the pump chamber.
- There is no increase in flow.
- System as designed keeps the back yard flat.
- Clerk, Natalya Davis, motioned to approve the request to reduce the distance between the ground water and the bottom of the SAS from 4' to 3'. Vice Chair, John Carpenter, seconded and all approved.
- ND motioned to approve the request to increase the distance from the covers to the septic tank and pump chamber from 36" to 46". JC seconded and all approved.

#### **Public Hearing**

- Health Agent, Ben Margro, recommended that any questions regarding the proposed septic and tobacco regulations be directed to the specific numbered regulation the question is about instead of going over each regulation again.
- Effective dates for the regulations will be set after the Board votes on the changes. Tobacco regulations may need more time than the septic regulations in order to notify the retailers.

#### **Septic Public Hearing**

- Clerk, Natalya Davis, motioned to open the public hearing for public comment to consider changes to the Board of Health septic regulations regarding the sanitary disposal of sewage. Vice Chair, John Carpenter, seconded and all approved.
- Philip Mei requested discussion about regulation #25 and approval of the change from 220 gallons/day to 110 gallons/day.
- PD noted that the BOH is trying to have the septic regulations match what the Planning Board is trying to do.
- Anne Liu asked about their ADU project at 166 Pleasant Street.
- Chair, Peter Dillon, suggested approving the variance for their ADU.
- ND motioned to approve the variance to the septic design at 166 Pleasant Street to allow for 110 gallons/day. JC seconded and all approved.

- ND motioned to close the public hearing on proposed changes for BOH rules and regulations for the sanitary disposal of sewage. JC seconded and all approved.
- ND motioned to approve the BOH rules and regulations for sanitary disposal of sewage as written.
- ND motioned to set the effective date as November 1, 2023. JC seconded and all approved.

**Tobacco Public Hearing**

- Clerk, Natalya Davis, motioned to open the public hearing to consider changes to the Board of Health rules and regulations regarding the sale of tobacco products. Vice Chair, John Carpenter, seconded and all approved.
- Chair, Peter Dillion, asked for input from the South Shore Tobacco Coordinators who approve of the changes.
- ND asked when South Shore Tobacco Coordinators would like to implement these changes.
- Kathleen Mahoney suggested January 1, 2024. PD recommended November 1, 2023 to which all agreed.
- RBM commented that the earlier date was acceptable because the change to the Town regulations was mainly incorporating the State regulations into the Norwell regulations. Retailers are already aware of the State regulations and Kathleen Mahoney will review the regulations again with retailers in Town.
- PD inquired as to whether there is opposition to the regulations. Kathleen Mahoney responded that they do get opposition from the retailers when changes are made.
- ND motioned to close the public hearing on proposed changes for BOH rules and regulations regarding the sale of tobacco products. JC seconded and all approved.
- ND motioned to approve the BOH rules and regulations regarding the sale of tobacco products.
- ND motioned to set the effective as November 1, 2023. JC seconded and all approved.

Natalya Davis, Clerk, motioned to adjourn. JC seconded and all approved.

Adjournment @ 5:50 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Natalya Davis, Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

10/30/23