



## TOWNSEND BOARD OF HEALTH

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**January 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., EST**

**Meeting Room 2 First Floor**

**272 Main Street, Townsend**

This meeting of the Board of Health will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting.

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**Dial-in number:** 605-313-4278 **Access code:** 5843884 PIN **Online meeting ID:** cwalter17

### PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Additions or Deletions not anticipated 48 hours in advance

### APPOINTMENT/HEARINGS

- 1.3 CO-VID Update
- 1.4 24 Old City Road – Septic Upgrade with Variances
- 1.5 3-Wheeler Road – Manure Management Plan
- 1.6 12 A Meadow Road – Septic Renewal
- 1.7 Legal Updates
- 1.8 FY23 Budget Submission

### WORK SESSION

- 1.9 Invoices
- 1.10 Minutes of December 13, 2021
- 1.11 Annual Flyer for Recycling and Trash program
- 1.12 Future Agenda Items
  - 1.12.1 Septic Regulations Update – Tabled to Spring 2022
  - 1.12.2 Stable Regulations Update – Tabled to Spring 2022
  - 1.12.3 2022 – 2024 Fee Schedule – Work Session February
  - 1.12.4 Next Meeting: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:30pm

### ADJOURNMENT

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. All members present.
- 1.2 **Additions or Deletions:** 12A Meadow Road Septic Renewal added under 1.6 The Agenda now reads:
1. 24 Old City Road Septic Upgrade with variances
  2. Wheeler Road Manure Management
  3. COVID Update
  4. 12A Meadow Road Septic Renewal
  5. Legal Update
  6. FY23 Budget
  7. Invoices
  8. Minutes
  9. Future Agenda
  10. Adjournment
- 1.3 **24 Old City Road – Septic Upgrade with Variances:** 2 local upgrade approvals sieve analysis and location of septic to well 80' opposed to 100'. Raised system 2-minute perc 5' groundwater offset. **A MOTION was made by JL and 2<sup>nd</sup> by GB to approve the variances and septic upgrade. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION carries.**
- 1.4 **3-Wheeler Road Manure Management:** Andrew Shepherd appeared before the Board and asked if the Board had a chance to review his plan. He explained the first 4 days of operation majority of everything is taken off-site. Leaves just wastewater which includes traces of blood which gets spread on the fields. 3,000 turkeys are processed roughly and a few shovel full of manure is all that is collected. Rick would like to talk to the State and get their opinion. He's waiting for a return call. The Board continued the plan until Rick hears back from the State.
- 1.5 **COVID Update:** 1/6/22 reporting 12/30 91 cases now up to 105. % Positivity rate 13.74 to 17.17% on the 6<sup>th</sup>, county more than doubled 5.59 to 12.55% on the 6<sup>th</sup>. State more then doubled 7.74 to 15.03%. Just getting booster numbers now. Vaccinations 1<sup>st</sup> does Townsend 73% fully vaccinated 66%. 30% have received booster shots. Although we are 10% behind but you are catching up. Flyers were distributed to the local businesses per their request from the last meeting. Most businesses already had signs up and were fully cooperating with the Board's advisory. Municipalities can now purchase test kits. They are looking to Nashoba to buy them as it would be less costly vs. individual towns but Rick is not confident as the funds are going to the town's directly and not the Nashoba Board of Health. They discussed where to disperse test kits should the town obtain them. The Fire Station was chosen but Vice Chair JL asked about the location. He had concerns with the central station having a fire and the cars could obstruct them. He would prefer they move the location to the parking lot where the ice cream stand and

Harbor Fire Station is. Isolation quarantines were updated. They agreed the nurses were the best people to communicate the updates on the ongoing changes. CDC recommends boosters for 12+ and we have a clinic on the 17<sup>th</sup> so we're waiting for standard orders if they will be able to offer the vaccines. He hopes to have them for the 17<sup>th</sup>. Dept of Education extended the update on mask requirements to February. The COA is asking how to work their programs with the mask advisory. Chairman reminds the Board that Littleton has a mandate which was issued in September. With numbers up to 109 we are going the wrong way and he would like to ask the Board to consider mandating masks inside public facilities. He feels it's the right thing to do to protect the public and residents of Townsend. JL doesn't want to have this mandate on the restaurants. He agrees with municipal buildings and would like to shut the door to the townhall. Chair reminded JL Selectmen didn't agree with this. GB needs a lot more data for a mandate. He would like to see a period of time that isn't including a holiday season. Seems family travel, friends, holidays are affecting these numbers. He reminds the Chairman that Littleton is much larger than Townsend. Gavin is worried about enforcement. Rick informs the Board to mandate masks they must have a public hearing. Chair requested for next meeting. He also reminds the Board they are not in control of the solar sign board only the Select Chairperson is. Rick asked the Board their thoughts on the Senior Center programs continuing as they have been. They suggested taking temperatures, asking protocol questions, sanitize stations around the building, especially the entrance.

- 1.6      **12A Meadow Road Septic renewal: MOTION was made by GB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL to approve the 1-year renewal for the septic permit. Voting 3/0 MOTION carries.**
- 1.7      **Legal Update:** Rick informed the Board they obtained the warrant to enter the apartment at Country Estates and he will work with the Police to assist.
- 1.8      **FY23 Budget:** Carla Hitzenbuhler explained they did not have the Nashoba Board of Health budget and two of their budgets are contract given. With that said: **A MOTION was made by CN and 2<sup>nd</sup> by GB to approve account 524 Landfill Engineering in the amount of \$19,000. Voting 3/0 MOTION carries. A MOTION was made by GB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CN to approve account 520 Board of Health Operations for \$1,734.50 expenses and \$45,600 for salary. Voting 3/0 MOTION carries. A MOTION was made by CN and 2<sup>nd</sup> by GB to approve account 433 Solid Waste & Recycling with G.W. Shaw in Son with a 3% increase to \$733,387.50. Voting 3/0 MOTION carries. A MOTION was made by GB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CN to approve account 430 Landfill Operations for \$14,664. Voting 3/0 MOTION carries. A MOTION was made by BG and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CN to approve account 246 Animal Inspection for \$600.00 Voting 2/0 MOTION carries.** Vice-Chair Jim Le'Cuyer left the meeting at 6:40pm.
- 1.9      **Invoices were approved as submitted.** Health Administrator reminded the Board their negotiation with the current contract is saving thousands of dollars every month.

- 1.10 Minutes for December 13<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.
- 1.11 Future Agenda were read into record.
- 1.12 A MOTION was made by GB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CN to adjourn at 6:44pm. Voting 2/0 All in favor. MOTION carries.