

**TOWNSEND BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**August 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., EST**

**Board of Health members and staff will meet in Meeting Room 2 at Memorial Hall**

# PRELIMINARIES

* 1. Roll Call
  2. Additions or Deletions not anticipated 48 hours in advance

APPOINTMENT/HEARINGS

* 1. CO-VID Update
  2. 96 Fitchburg Road – Manure Management Plan
  3. Stable Regulations Update
  4. 321 Townsend Hill Road – Septic Failure Update
  5. Septic Permits for review

WORK SESSION

* 1. Invoices
  2. Recycling Center Updates: new bulb container, concrete pads, jobs, etc.
  3. Future Agenda Items
     1. Septic Regulations Update – Work Session in September
     2. Next meeting September 13th th at 9:00 a.m., Memorial Hall

ADJOURNMENT

* 1. Meeting was called to order at 9:01. All members were present.
  2. The following additions were added to the agenda:
     1. 538 Main Street – Septic Upgrade
     2. Planning Board Referral – Parking spaces at Pine Ridge Apartments
  3. COVID Update: There was a jump in positive cases with 8/19 reports of 22 positive cases. Over the last two weeks Townsend was at 11 Cases 8/5 and less than 5 cases on 7/29. The vaccination rate is slowly rising with a 4% jump in 12-15 age group category. The Board discussed Pepperell’s spike and a recent social event that likely is causing the surge. They also discussed booster vaccinations and where likely they would be given out at their physician’s office. The requested the schools get a bus on the site for a day to help vaccinate children. The recommended a Thursday or Friday to keep school absence at a minimum. They concluded the schools will need to be 80% vaccinated by 10/1 for a mask change.
  4. 96 Fitchburg Road Manure Management: No update
  5. Stable Regulation Update: Gavin Byars collected three towns he particularly liked with the package of abutting towns that had stable regulations that was distributed earlier. He would like to continue merging the Town of Stow, Ayer, and Ashburnham into one collective regulation for Townsend. The Board thanked Gavin for his hard work and dedication to the subject and agreed to have Gavin continue working on the regulation.
  6. 321 Townsend Hill Road Septic Failure Update: House is vacant. Until it changes property owners, the subject will remain open.
  7. 538 Main Street Septic Upgrade: System has failed two local area upgrades are needed: Wall to tank 3.3 ft is proposed vs. 10 feet required. Water line is also requested for 2ft vs. 10ft. A MOTION was made by GB and 2nd by JL to approve the septic variances and permit pending new email with revisions needed. Voting 3/0 all in favor. MOTION passes.
  8. Invoices were signed as submitted.
  9. The Board discussed getting Stan Dillis to come walk thru the area to help with the upgrade. The Selectmen are meeting again to discuss raising the rate for the employee vacancy at the Center.
  10. A MOTION was made by JL and 2nd by GB to adjourn the meeting at 9:39am. Voting 3/0 MOTION passes.