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## TOWNSEND BOARD OF HEALTH

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### Board of Health Meeting Minutes Monday, March 9, 2020 Meeting Room 2 at 6:00 PM

#### 1. PRELIMINARIES:

1.1 Roll Call: Chris Genoter, (CG), Chris Nocella (CN), Carla Hitzenbuhler (CH), Rick Metcalf (RM) and Linda Johansen (LJ). CG opened the meeting at 6:01 PM. Other Present: See attached sign-sheet

#### 2. APPOINTMENTS / HEARINGS:

##### 2.1. Public Hearing: Proposed Polystyrene use restriction regulations:

CG motions to open the hearing at 6:02pm. LJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved Unanimously. CG explains the process tonight is to receive public comment. CN informed the public he has checked with the DEP, CDC and FDA and there are no Styrofoam related deaths reported. While he noted there should be more restrictions in place he disagrees with the way the regulations are written because it hurts the small businesses in town. They discussed which companies will be re-packaging their meats such as Hannaford but companies such as Tyson will not. After discussion regarding packaging and resident comments, CN has agreed to support the regulation. CG stated the amount of people who have shown up at the last two BOH meeting has shown there is significant support this regulation and Town Meeting is not required. The BOH agreed to giving vendors a year, 12 months, to adjust to the regulation once legal has approved. LJ requested meeting with Town Counsel at the regular town hall meetings and to include the State Food health code. They agreed to keep the hearing open until legal has review. LJ motions to continue the hearing until 4/13/2020 at which time they hope to have final approval by Town Counsel. CN 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved Unanimously at 6:08pm.

##### 2.2. 35 Adams Road – Septic Variance:

Joan Savoy and Bill Cadogan, owners of the above noted address appeared before the Board to discuss the art studio building in front of their single family residence. They explained the house was moved uphill in 1988 and put in a new tank near the house with the existing 1,000 gallon septic tank downhill and leach bed still in place. They also noted they have an abandoned unused well on the property they would like to use for a slop sink in the studio. Waste from this sink would go to existing 1,000 gallon tank which is 58ft from the studio. They respectfully request the ability to hook up to the existing well



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on the property. The Board is not opposed to this, but remind the owners that the well must be tested to prove potability and there can be no cross-connections to the Town water supply. The other alternative is to separately meter the art studio. RM also reminds the owners to be cognizant of what they put down the drain and that certain art supplies could cause an issue for the system. LJ motions to approve the use of the 1compartment tank for an art studio for grey water only and approves use of the well only if the water is determined to be potable. CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

### 2.3. Public Hearing: New Littering Regulations:

CG motions to open the public hearing at 6:45pm. CN 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. LJ noted a spelling error on offensive waste. The Board discussed enforcement, the effective date which would remain open until legal has approved and the adopted signature procedure. CG motions to continue the hearing to 4/13/2020 with legal counsel review, delete the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph pending legal advice and changing the headers in the regulation. LJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. The hearing was continued at 6:59pm.

### 2.4. Public Hearing: 71-75 Main Street:

CG motions to open the public hearing at 7:00pm. CN 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. Abutter notifications were provided. Doug Smith from Soilsmith designs explained to the Board these two homes have flooding issues by the roadside. The owner would like to take out the existing septic systems and move them back with an easement. CN asked if the Planning Board had any input as it might be a change of use. RM stated the easements would not increase/or alter the existing property lines, and the easement plan would be recorded along with the specific easement language. CN motions to approve the variances with the condition that permits will not be signed, or released, until the Board of Health has received the recorded easement plan and associated documents. CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. A MOTION was made by CG to close the hearing. LJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. The hearing was closed at 7:27pm.

### 2.5. 5 Beech Street – Septic Upgrade:

Failed system replacing with two compartment tank; no reserve or variances required. LJ motions to approve the septic design for a 3 bedroom upgrade. CN 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.



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### 2.6 203 Main Street Septic Upgrade:

Old cesspool that has had several emergency repairs done. Space is tight tank is in the back. No variances are required. LJ motions to approve the septic design for a 3 bedroom upgrade. CG 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

### 3. WORK SESSION:

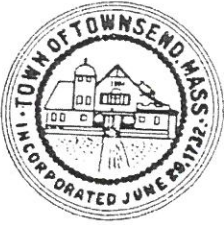
#### 3.1 Invoices and Payroll:

Two invoices were approved as submitted. Payroll is continued to next scheduled meeting.

#### 3.2 Performance Evaluation Discussion:

CG informed the Board members to do the evaluation of the Health Administrator individually with themselves and the Health Administrator present and then call an executive session at their next meeting on 3/23/2020 to discuss the final document that will be forwarded to the TA.

#### 3.3 CN motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. LJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.



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**Monday, March 9th, 2020**  
**Meeting Room 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

1. PRELIMINARIES:

✓ 1.1 Roll Call

2. APPOINTMENT / HEARINGS

- ✓ 2.1 Public Hearing: Discussion of proposed polystyrene use restriction regulations 6pm
- ✓ 2.2 Public Hearing: New Littering Regulations Continued 645pm
- ✓ 2.3 Public Hearing: 71-75 Main Street – Septic Variance 7pm
- ✓ 2.4 35 Adams Road – Septic Variance
- ✓ 2.5 5 Beech Street – Septic Upgrade
- ✓ 2.6 203 Main Street – Septic Upgrade

3. WORK SESSION

- ✓ 3.1 Invoices and Payroll
- ✓ 3.2 Performance Evaluation Discussion
- 3.3 Future Agenda items:

- i. Weston & Sampson Groundwater Discharge Permit Update – TBD pending DEP comments
- ii. Tobacco Regulations Review with Tobacco Alliance Director – TBD no updates at this time
- iii. Food Permit fees – discussion regarding removing \$5.00 annual fee for Townsend – TBD
- iv. Recycling Fees Increase – 3/23/2020

4. ADJOURNMENT

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