



**TOWNSEND BOARD OF HEALTH**  
272 Main Street  
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minutes

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**December 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., EST**  
**Meeting Room 2 First Floor**  
**272 Main Street**

**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 19 Sauna Row Road – Septic Upgrade with Well Variance
- 1.5 ***Other permits for review - NONE***
- 1.6 Nashoba Community Social Worker Jenna Montgomery

**WORK SESSION**

- 1.7 Invoices
- 1.8 Minutes of October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
- 1.9 ***Annual Flyer for Recycling and Trash program – tabled to 1/10/21***
- 1.10 ***Recycling Center Updates - NONE***
- 1.11 Future Agenda Items
  - 1.11.1 Septic Regulations Update – Tabled to Spring 2022
  - 1.11.2 Stable Regulations Update – Tabled to Spring 2022
  - 1.11.3 3-Wheeler Road – Manure Management Plan 1/10/22
  - 1.11.4 2022 – 2024 Fee Schedule – Work Session February
  - 1.11.5 Next Meeting: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 530pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm. Roll call all present.
- 1.2 Additions/Deletions: 78 Turner Road transfer, Unit 220 Legal Update and Budget discussion added to agenda. **The agenda was amended as follows:**
  - 1.3 19 Sauna Row Road – Septic Upgrade with Variance
  - 1.4 78 Turner Road – Septic Transfer
  - 1.5 Jenna Montgomery Nashoba Board of Health introduction
  - 1.6 COVID Update
  - 1.7 Legal Review
  - 1.8 Budget discussion
  - 1.9 Invoices
  - 1.10 Minutes
  - 1.11 Adjournment
- 1.3 19 Sauna Row Road – Septic Upgrade with Variance. Septic and well is needed. 2000-gallon tight tank is proposed. Variances are for the well. 25' setback from road reduces 5' and 25' from property line to 14'. Neighbors have cesspool reduce 100' setback to 70'. Lot is very skinny. Cesspool in use? It's two properties away. **A MOTION was made by GB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JL to approve all three variances with condition that conservation commission approves well location. Voting 3/0 all in favor.**
- 1.4 78 Turner Road Septic Transfer – new owners **MOTION was made by JL and 2<sup>nd</sup> by GB to approve the transfer. Voting 3/0 All in favor.** Jim Le'Cuyer left the meeting at 5:44pm.
- 1.5 Jenna Montgomery appeared before the Board to introduce herself as Communication Specialist for Nashoba. Brought on early October to improve communication within Towns. Background clinical social work and grew up in Townsend. Been working with Healing Communities through Cares. Boston Medical Center got funding and Townsend and Shirley were identified as needing help with opiate addiction and death rates by 40% in a three-year period. Data sheets for covid will be distributed by her weekly. Currently updating databases and working with Council on Aging. Weekly clinics are scheduled for Wednesday's in January. Weekly webinars are helpful. Chairman is frustrated with State's help. Carla Hitzenbuhler will start to attend the weekly online seminar. Chairman requested Ashby Townsend Pepperell and Lunenburg be included in the weekly reports.
- 1.6 COVID Update – 12/23 increased from 83 to 90 cases. 11.52% positive from 10.93%. Country increased 4% from 3.6% State 5.66 from 4.97%. Vaccinations are not significantly changed. 5-11 age increased 2%. Townsend 72% 1 dose, 65% fully vaccinated. Booster clinics are scheduled. Clinic on 1/6 from 3-7pm at Senior Center. Breakthrough cases State has given some information found nearly 97% have not resulted in hospitalization or death. People who are not vaccinated are 5 times more likely to develop COVID. Vaccinations are working. Chair wanted to know how many Omnicom, but the State doesn't give out that information. They are also not recommending mask mandates. Advisory only. The Board asked Carla and Rick to put together a flyer with strong mask advisory and deliver them to the busy businesses in Townsend. The Board also approved the Town Administrator solicit the Governor to get free test kits for Townsend. They discussed the procedure on how to distribute these kits if they become available. They agreed if they receive any its going to be for those residents who cannot go out and purchase them themselves. Rick also concluded the Federal Government is supposed to be giving out free kits and it will be announced January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed the Fire Department would be the best option for distribution should the need arise. The COA will also be helpful in determining elderly who needed the kits.

- 1.7 Legal Review – Apartment in Country Estates trying to get an emergency search warrant. Town Council filed in Lawrence Housing Court and after reviewing they determined there was not enough information for a criminal search warrant. TC was not happy. They offered Rick go to the Ayer court and ask for administrative search warrant. He was open to the idea and will be in court on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.8 Rick informed the Board that Littleton has pulled out from the Nashoba Board of Health which will affect the budget. There will be a meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> where they will be discussing this further. They were using numbers from the 2010 census and now that there is a 2020 census with less residents in Townsend might affect the budget as well.
- 1.9 Invoices were approved as submitted.
- 1.10 Minutes for October 29, November 12, 22 and December 3<sup>rd</sup> as submitted.
- 1.11 **A MOTION was made by GB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by CN to adjourn the meeting. Voting 2/0 all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.**