

TOWN OF HARWICH
REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBSURFACE
DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

The following Regulations are promulgated under the authority of Chapter 111 Section 31 and Chapter 21A, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Part I - Environmentally Sensitive Area

The following shall be considered environmentally sensitive areas by the Board of Health:

- a. ⁷ Land area (whether developed or not) that borders on, and is within one hundred feet (100') of marshland, tidal flats, coastal dunes, barrier beaches, coastal banks, coastal beaches, surface water, bog or inland wetland as identified by the Harwich Conservation Commission;
- b. Land area containing maximum groundwater elevation (adjusted) which is 6 feet (6') or less below natural ground surface elevation in the area of installation;
- c. Existing or known future water supplies, and
- d. Terrestrial and/or aquatic plant/animal habitats of threatened or endangered species when certified by any agency that specializes in such taxonomy and/or environmental science. Credibility of the certifying agency shall be determined by the Board of Health.

Part II

Environmental variances from septic Regulations shall not be granted in environmentally sensitive areas, as defined in Part I above, except under exceptional circumstances.

Failed systems and/or upgrading of existing systems shall be exempt from this Regulation, provided there is no additional sewage flow (i.e. additional bedrooms) and/or no significant increase in habitable space or change in use that, in the Board's judgment has the potential to increase sewage flow.

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LEGAL NOTICE – TOWN OF HARWICH

At a meeting of the Board of Health held on December 16, 1987, the following policy was established:

“Any parcel which requires compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Town of Harwich Wetlands Protection Bylaw must obtain Conservation Commission approval before a hearing of the Board of Health.

Harwich Board of Health, The Harwich Oracle – January 13, 1988

Letter Dated October 7, 1987

To: Michael J. Pessolano, Town Planner/Grant Writer

From: Paula J. Champagne, R.S., C.H.O., Health Agent

Re: Request for Clarification Regarding Preliminary Subdivision Plans

As follows:

Dear Michael:

At the Board of Health meeting of September 30, 1987, the Board discussed your request for clarification regarding preliminary subdivision plans.

For consideration of future preliminary plans submitted to the Board of Health the following policy will apply:

The general locus of septic systems and water supply (if private wells are to be used) should be noted on each lot. This will enable the Board to determine if the lots are adequate for setback requirements, wetland protection, and protection of private water supplies prior to Planning Board review.

Cc: Board of Health