

## **PETERSHAM BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **INSTALLING/REPAIRING/UPGRADING A SEPTIC SYSTEM**

**WETLANDS:** If there are wetlands within 100 feet of work area, it's the owner's responsibility to consult with The Petersham Conservation Commission. If wetlands are involved the owner needs to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission and Order of Conditions before any work can be done. A signed letter by the Petersham Conservation Commission has to be attached to the perc application, if needed.

- Submit Application for Testing Land (Perc Test) with \$175 fee to BOH . The office will fax the application to our Health Agent, then your engineer schedules perc with town's agent and your excavator.

#### **If Perc passes:**

- Your engineer provides two (2) copies of the plan and a construction permit application to the BOH, along with \$300.00 and a signed letter from the Conservation Commission, if needed. The three hundred dollars covers the construction permit (\$150.00) and the bottom (\$75.00) and final inspection (\$75.00).

The plan is sent to be reviewed by the town's agent. If the plans need to be revised there is an added cost of \$50.00, for each additional review.

#### **If everything is in order:**

- The BOH issues a construction permit at its next meeting to the homeowner and installer only if the installer is listed and has a valid permit in the Town of Petersham. The installer must have the construction permit in hand before starting the work. If work is started without a permit the application will be null and void and applicant will have to apply again and pay fee again.
- During construction, the town's agent will be doing two inspections that will be scheduled by your contractor.
- Soil stabilization shall be accomplished immediately following construction or repair of a septic system on the area that has been disturbed. Stabilization during the growing season shall be by seeding and after Oct.1 by heavy mulching. Other methods must be approved by the BOH. No "certificate of compliance" shall be issued until this work is satisfactorily completed and inspected.

- Your engineer submits an as-built plan to the BOH

- **Please plan accordingly**

*[System is installed, connected to the house, inspected, fees paid, and as-built plans received]*

- The BOH issues a certificate of compliance at its next meeting – **PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE A CLOSING BEFORE YOU HAVE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE IN HAND.**

If you are installing a well, all the required documentation must be submitted before a certificate of compliance will be issued. (See application for installing a well for specifics).

*The Board of Health meets the first and third Thursday of each month @ 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office Building, 3 South Main Street.*

*If you have any questions, please call the BOH at 978-724-0057.*

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The Board of Health will not schedule any septic system installation inspections from December 15<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> except at the discretion of the Board.