



CHAPTER V

SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

1.00 The Board of Health has adopted the following regulations to supplement Title 5 of the State Environmental Code. In case of conflict with any state regulation the more stringent regulation shall apply.

2.00 Groundwater. The Director of Public Health shall have the authority to require a ground water elevation adjustment when in his judgment observed ground water measurements are not consistent with the highest anticipated springtime ground water table.

2.01 All ground water testing must be done in the months of March or April. Tests for expansion of any subsurface sewage disposal system must be done in March or April for determining the maximum ground water elevation.

2.02 In the case of a failed or failing subsurface sewage disposal system the Director of Public Health shall assess the system and determine if a public health emergency exists. When an emergency condition does exist the Director may permit ground water measurements to be performed without waiting for the springtime ground water testing period.

2.03 Reserved.

3.00 Design Requirements. All plan submittals for proposed sewage disposal facilities shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the Director of Public Health.

3.01 All designs shall provide sufficient capacity for accommodating a garbage grinder.

3.02 All pipe shall be schedule 40 PVC, or its equal, if approved by the Director of Public Health.

3.03 Soil percolation rates more rapid than four minutes per inch shall require a minimum distance of six feet between the highest groundwater elevation and the lowest elevation of the leaching elements.

3.04 There shall be no interpolation of soil percolation rates. All rates must be rounded up to the next higher standard.

3.05 The minimum size septic tank shall be 1500 gallons.

3.06 There must be more than a two-foot thickness of naturally occurring permeable soil above the maximum ground water elevation.

3.07 In case of ledge or refusal there shall be a minimum of five feet of naturally occurring permeable soil below the lowest elevation of the leaching system.

3.08 An "as built" plan and engineer's certification shall be required for the issuance of a certificate of compliance.

3.09 Reserved.

4.00 Installation. No subsurface sewage disposal system may be installed from the first day in December through the second day of March. In case of an extreme public health emergency

the Director of Public Health may waive this requirement, if, in his/her judgment, weather conditions will not compromise the installation.

4.01. Septage installer permits shall be valid for one calendar year renewable annually on the first of January subject to the review and approval by the Board of Health. No permit shall be transferable.

5.00 Septage Handlers. No one shall treat any septic system with any form of chemicals without written authorization of the Wellesley Health Department. Prohibited chemicals shall include, but shall not be limited to, acids, degreasing agents, alkalis, or enzymes. 5.01 Any holder of a septage handler's permit who applies any type of chemical to a septic system may have their septage handler's permit revoked or suspended by the Director Public Health.

5.02 Any revocation or suspension of more than five (5) days shall be reviewed by the Board of Health.

5.03. Septage handler permits shall be valid for one calendar year, renewable annually subject to the review and approval by the Board of Health. No permit shall be transferable.

