**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

3 HOLLOW ROAD, WALES, MA

Location: Wales Senior Center

**OPEN SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM**

**Sort Mail**

* **Open Meeting**
* **Next meeting**

Discuss

**Approve Minutes**

Approve minutes from 9/21/2022

* **New business**
* Algae Bloom in lake
* discuss beach testing responsibilities and costs. The proposal is that the private and semi-private beaches in Wales be responsible for their own beach testing. If desired, the BOH will continue to test all beaches, with the lab costs being the responsibility of the private and semi-private beaches. For the BOH to continue collecting and delivering the samples, 15 weeks of beach testing fees will be collected prior to May 1 of each year and placed in a revolving account, which will be available to the BOH to pay for the tests.
* **Old business**
* **Other**
* **Complaint**
* **Sign Permits**
* **Sign Payroll**
* **Close meeting**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Question from a Wales resident**.

What are the rules governing being buried on your own property? What if a friend wants to be buried on your property? BOH will investigate.

“Section 34: Use of land for burial; new cemeteries or extensions; approval of board of health; description of land

Section 34. Except in the case of the erection or use of a tomb on private land for the exclusive use of the family of the owner, no land, other than that already so used or appropriated, shall be used for burial, unless by permission of the town or of the mayor and aldermen of the city in which the same lies; but no such permission shall be given until the location of the lands intended for such use has been approved in writing by the board of health of the town where the lands are situated after notice to all persons interested and a hearing; and the board of health, upon approval of the use of any lands either for new cemeteries or for the extension of existing cemeteries, shall include in the records of the said board a description of such lands sufficient for their identification. For every interment in violation of this section in a town in which the notice prescribed in section thirty-seven has been given, the owner of the land so used shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars. “

For a cremation burial, there are no regulations. Someone would have to dig them back up though if the property was sold.

For a full burial, the property needs to be staked out, marked as a cemetery, it might have to be recorded with the state, it will need to be recorded on the deed.

A family in Monson has a section of their property established as a family cemetery, so talk to the BOH in Monson if needed to see what they did.

BOH can request as much as they wish.  There might be a special permit requirements in town.  Don’t want this coming back on the town in the future.

Examples of requests:

Surveying

Separating the cemetery parcel out from the rest of the land

Road access, separate from access to the main parcel

Set funds in trust for future care and maintenance of the property – in case the property is no longer being maintained by property owner.

Questions?:

How many people will be buried there?

What kind of burial?

How close to wetlands is it?

Should we speak to town counsel?

What type of ground is under the proposed cemetery.

Musts:

Survey out the property to be used

Deed the cemetery