

Instructions for Variance Hearings: Septic Systems

The following are procedures required for BOH review of a request for a variance from Article 7 of the Rules and Regulations of the Sharon Board of Health and/or Title 5 of the State Environmental Code.

The applicants must supply for the Board of Health's review seven (7) days in advance of a scheduled hearing, six (6) copies of the following:

- 1) Letter requesting waiver/variance, signed by the property owner including references to Title 5 and Article 7 specifications.

Related information supporting the variance, e.g., DEP decisions, policies, decisions of other Town Boards, or other factors.

For new construction, the letter must indicate how denial of the request would do manifest injustice to the applicant.

Letter must illustrate how variance provides the same degree of environmental and health protection without strict application of the relevant regulations.

For upgrades or repairs to systems, proof of maximum feasible compliance must be shown.

- 2) A copy of the property record card from the Sharon Assessor's Office must be included.
- 3) Plans of the proposed system or upgrade. Plans should be in compliance with specifications noted in Article 7.
- 4) The applicant must notify all abutters by certified mail of the variance sought and the reasons therefore at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Applicant may obtain the list of abutters from the Assessors' office. Abutter notification must include a description of the variance, the date, time and place of the hearing, etc. Proof of certified mailing must be provided to the Sharon Health Department before the hearing.

For further information, contact the Sharon Health Department at (781) 784-1500 ext. 1140.
Thank you.