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The Town of Hingham, Board of Health is proposing to update the Town's Supplemental Rules and Regulations for the Disposal of Sanitary Sewage.

The proposed changes were voted on at the 10-24-19 public meeting to be posted on the town's website for a 60-day public comment period.

A brief synopsis of some of the proposed changes includes:

1. A new section on the purpose for local regulations in safeguarding Hingham's unique environmental conditions as reason to supplement State Title 5 regulation (Section II).
2. A new septic system design requirement that sets a limit on the discharge of total nitrogen (nitrate-nitrogen) at the property line within a Zone II water supply protection area or designated area served by private wells (Section VII(H)).
3. An enhanced Financial Assurance Mechanism (FAM) requirement and administrative process for larger or advanced treatment plant septic systems. The requirement mirrors the current state process and provides the owner of a septic system with a mechanism of sufficient escrow funding to cover the costs from unforeseen significant repairs or replacement in case of catastrophic failure (Section VIII(G)).
4. A new ANR and Lot Division requirement that helps landowners planning to divide a parcel of property to ensure that a proposed or existing septic system serving the original lot will not be put into non-compliance relative to the land area needed for septic denitrification purposes (Section XI).
5. A new section that helps homeowners understand the capacity of their existing septic system via a Title 5 inspection when adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit bedroom to an existing dwelling, or installation of a new potable well for domestic water use, or with sizeable home renovations on lots smaller than 25,000 square feet. (Section XVI).

Please review the accompanying draft documents. The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow. A red-line version is also available for direct comparison to the 1998 regulations being updated.

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