



# Board of Health

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Board of Health is to assure all of Harvard's residents a safe and thriving community by:

- Identifying and protecting residents from environmental hazards
- Preventing the spread of diseases
- Assuring safe water
- Promoting healthy lifestyles
- Enforcing local, state, and national regulations as required by law
- Developing and enforcing local regulations when necessary

**Message:** We are dedicated to serving Harvard and Harvard's residents. Please contact the Board with questions or concerns, or if you need information or a referral on a public health issue. Residents are welcome to attend our meetings currently held via Zoom.

**Subscribe to Board of Health mailings:** The Board of Health sends out information and alerts through the Town's website. Information can include notice of upcoming informational forums to results of testing the Town Beach for harmful algal blooms. Please sign up to get this information.

- Go to [www.harvard-ma.gov/subscribe](http://www.harvard-ma.gov/subscribe)
- Under "Urgent Alert" and under "News or Announcement" select "Board of Health"

**What we do:** The Board of Health performs, on the local level, many important duties relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. We address:

- Air quality
- Communications from MA Department of Public Health (DPH) and the MA Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
- Disease reporting, investigation, and follow-up
- Drinking water quality, including PFAS
- Emergency preparedness
- Food safety
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Nuisance control and noisome trades
- Recreational waters (e.g., the Town Beach)
- Stable permits and manure management
- Solid waste management
- Subsurface wastewater disposal systems

**Contact Info:**

The Board can provide information and referrals; ask us a question! Contact the Board of Health office or write to an individual Board member. The Nashoba Associated Boards of Health may also be able to assist you outside of Town Hall office hours.

**Board of Health Office:**

<b>Alison Flynn, Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Jim Garreffi, Registered Sanitarian</b>
Office Hours: Tuesday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday (via e-mail) 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Harvard Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8-9 a.m.
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**Board of Health Members:**

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Libby Levison	Member	libby-boh@email.toast.net
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Chris Mitchell	Chair	chrisharvardboh@gmail.com

**Meetings:** Attend a meeting!

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning at 4pm

Where: Via Zoom (link to join included on the Agenda posted to the Town webpage)

**Public Health topics on the Board of Health website:**

- Algal Blooms
- Animals
- Applications, Forms, and Fee Schedules
- Drought
- COVID-19
- Harvard Board of Health regulations
- Mosquitos & Ticks
- Meetings: Agendas & Minutes
- Public Health Information, e.g.:
  - Safety during a power outage and/or extreme heat
  - Fish Advisories: Bare Hill Pond & Mirror Lake
  - Health & Wellness issues, such as stroke awareness & sun protection
  - Medicine drop-off locations & sharps collection program
- Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems
- Trash & Recycling
- Water Quality