

The Boxborough Board of Health has updated its regulation governing the installation of wells and water quality testing requirements for private wells.

The Board of Health and its staff reviews drinking water information from new and replacement well construction, water testing results from the MassDEP regulated wells, monitors water quality concerns from MassDEP and USEPA and the concerns noted in abutting communities. Based on the information received from the abovementioned sources, the Board has reviewed their regulation, most recently amended in 2004, to ensure the regulation is protective of the public health of the residents of Boxborough. The review has resulted in changes to address additional contaminants of concern, determination of adequate water yield, addressing offsets for geothermal and irrigation wells and requiring water quality testing upon property transfer.

The Board, at their regularly scheduled meetings, has reviewed possible changes and voted on a final draft of the revised regulation at their meeting on 1/14/26.

To receive feedback on the proposed changes to the regulation, and to answer questions residents may have regarding those changes, the Board has provided time on their agenda to receive feedback and answer question from the public on the regulation; the meeting is scheduled for 7:40pm on 2/11/26 and will be held at the Town Hall. The regulation is posted on the Board of Health webpage for review.