Article 29: Pool Demolition Regulations

Under the authority of MGL c.111, s. 122, Nuisances, and Sharon Board of Health Regulations, Chapter 300: Article 18 Earth Relocation Regulation, and Chapter 300: Article 4.0 Nuisances and Dangers to Public Health, the following requirements must be observed by individual persons or corporations providing services to demolish in-ground swimming pools.

1. Prior to demolition of an in-ground pool, a demolition permit must be obtained from the health agent.

The Owner of the property where the pool is situated must provide a site plan and information for a contractor to perform the demolition work to the health agent, or schedule a meeting with them. Once approved by the health agent, the contractor may proceed with the demolition process. If plans for demolition are not approved by the health agent, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Sharon Board of Health prior to demolition of the pool.

- 2. The pool must be drained to an approved location and all pool construction materials including concrete or Gunite, fiberglass, liner, re-bar, and related pool construction elements must be removed from the site to a State approved construction waste facility.
- 3. The area where the pool was sited must then be filled with clean fill, i.e., uncontaminated soil, which then should be compacted in order to prevent future settlement. No clay, silty clay or organic soils may be used, except for up to 12 inches of topsoil for grass planting at the top of the hole. No debris, vegetation, or waste materials may be buried with the required clean soil fill.
- 4. Prior to filling of the pool area, an inspector from the Sharon Department of Public Works must be notified and must be on site to ensure the proper provision of non-engineered backfill/ clean fill prior to deposition in the hole and compaction of the filled area.
- 5. Documentation of the as built conditions of the site post-construction must be submitted to the Sharon Department of Public Works and approved for building records.
- 6. The applicant must contact Dig-Safe 72 hours prior to performing any excavation work and will protect the open hole at all times during the construction process. The location of the septic system and any site utilities shall be determined prior to the commencement of work. The hole where the pool was situated cannot be left unattended for any reason. The applicant shall review all Massachusetts trench safety laws and requirements prior to the removal of any fencing protecting the existing pool or excavation work.
- 7. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in fines against the individual or contractor based on Sharon Board of Health regulations at 300-4.12: Nuisances, Enforcement and penalties.