



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Title 5 Official Inspection Form

Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Form - Not for Voluntary Assessments

15, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 22 Highfield Road

Property Address

Upham Farms Condominiums

Owner's Name

Charlton

City/Town

MA

State

01507

Zip Code

12-16-24

Date of Inspection

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Inspection results must be submitted on this form. Inspection forms may not be altered in any way. Please see completeness checklist at the end of the form.

Important:
When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



A. Inspector Information

Peter J. Thurston

Name of Inspector

Slim's and Berthiaume Sewer Service Inc.

Company Name

510 Stafford St.

Company Address

Charlton

City/Town

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Zip Code

508-248-2085

Telephone Number

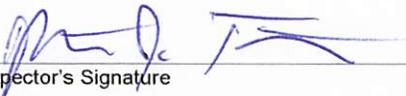
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License Number

B. Certification

I certify that: I am a DEP approved system inspector in full compliance with Section 15.340 of Title 5 (310 CMR 15.000); I have personally inspected the sewage disposal system at the property address listed above; the information reported below is true, accurate and complete as of the time of my inspection; and the inspection was performed based on my training and experience in the proper function and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems. After conducting this inspection I have determined that the system:

1. Passes
2. Conditionally Passes
3. Needs Further Evaluation by the Local Approving Authority
4. Fails


Inspector's Signature

1-3-25
Date

The system inspector shall submit a copy of this inspection report to the Approving Authority (Board of Health or DEP) within 30 days of completing this inspection. If the system has a design flow of 10,000 gpd or greater, the inspector and the system owner shall submit the report to the appropriate regional office of the DEP. The original form should be sent to the system owner and copies sent to the buyer, if applicable, and the approving authority.

Please note: This report only describes conditions at the time of inspection and under the conditions of use at that time. This inspection does not address how the system will perform in the future under the same or different conditions of use.



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C. Inspection Summary

Inspection Summary: Complete 1, 2, 3, or 5 and all of 4 and 6.

1) System Passes:

I have not found any information which indicates that any of the failure criteria described in 310 CMR 15.303 or in 310 CMR 15.304 exist. Any failure criteria not evaluated are indicated below.

Comments:

System was in working order at time of inspection.

No evidence of failure.

2) System Conditionally Passes:

One or more system components as described in the "Conditional Pass" section need to be replaced or repaired. The system, upon completion of the replacement or repair, as approved by the Board of Health, will pass.

Check the box for "yes", "no" or "not determined" (Y, N, ND) for the following statements. If "not determined," please explain.

The septic tank is metal and over 20 years old* or the septic tank (whether metal or not) is structurally unsound, exhibits substantial infiltration or exfiltration or tank failure is imminent. System will pass inspection if the existing tank is replaced with a complying septic tank as approved by the Board of Health.

* A metal septic tank will pass inspection if it is structurally sound, not leaking and if a Certificate of Compliance indicating that the tank is less than 20 years old is available.

Y N ND (Explain below):



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2) System Conditionally Passes (cont.):

Pump Chamber pumps/alarms not operational. System will pass with Board of Health approval if pumps/alarms are repaired.

Observation of sewage backup or break out or high static water level in the distribution box due to broken or obstructed pipe(s) or due to a broken, settled or uneven distribution box. System will pass inspection if (with approval of Board of Health):

broken pipe(s) are replaced Y N ND (Explain below):

obstruction is removed Y N ND (Explain below):

distribution box is leveled or replaced Y N ND (Explain below):

The system required pumping more than 4 times a year due to broken or obstructed pipe(s). The system will pass inspection if (with approval of the Board of Health):

broken pipe(s) are replaced Y N ND (Explain below):

obstruction is removed Y N ND (Explain below):

3) Further Evaluation is Required by the Board of Health:

Conditions exist which require further evaluation by the Board of Health in order to determine if the system is failing to protect public health, safety or the environment.

a. System will pass unless Board of Health determines in accordance with 310 CMR 15.303(1)(b) that the system is not functioning in a manner which will protect public health, safety and the environment:



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[] Cesspool or privy is within 50 feet of a surface water

[] Cesspool or privy is within 50 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland or a salt marsh

b. System will fail unless the Board of Health (and Public Water Supplier, if any) determines that the system is functioning in a manner that protects the public health, safety and environment:

[] The system has a septic tank and soil absorption system (SAS) and the SAS is within 100 feet of a surface water supply or tributary to a surface water supply.

[] The system has a septic tank and SAS and the SAS is within a Zone 1 of a public water supply.

[] The system has a septic tank and SAS and the SAS is within 50 feet of a private water supply well.

[] The system has a septic tank and SAS and the SAS is less than 100 feet but 50 feet or more from a private water supply well**.

Method used to determine distance:

** This system passes if the well water analysis, performed at a DEP certified laboratory, for fecal coliform bacteria indicates absent and the presence of ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen is equal to or less than 5 ppm, provided that no other failure criteria are triggered. A copy of the analysis must be attached to this form.

c. Other:

Four horizontal lines for additional notes.

4) System Failure Criteria Applicable to All Systems:

You must indicate "Yes" or "No" to each of the following for all inspections:

Yes

No

[]

[x]

Backup of sewage into facility or system component due to overloaded or clogged SAS or cesspool

[]

[x]

Discharge or ponding of effluent to the surface of the ground or surface waters due to an overloaded or clogged SAS or cesspool



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4) System Failure Criteria Applicable to All Systems: (cont.)

Table with 3 columns: Yes/No checkboxes, NA labels, and failure criteria text. Includes items like 'Static liquid level in the distribution box above outlet invert...' and 'The system is a cesspool serving a facility with a design flow of 2000 gpd-10,000 gpd.'

5) Large Systems: To be considered a large system the system must serve a facility with a design flow of 10,000 gpd to 15,000 gpd.

For large systems, you must indicate either "yes" or "no" to each of the following, in addition to the questions in Section C.4.

Table with 3 columns: Yes/No checkboxes, and criteria text like 'the system is within 400 feet of a surface drinking water supply'.



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~~If you have answered "yes" to any question in Section C.5 the system is considered a significant threat, or answered "yes" to any question in Section C.4 above the large system has failed. The owner or operator of any large system considered a significant threat under Section C.5 or failed under Section C.4 shall upgrade the system in accordance with 310 CMR 15.304. The system owner should contact the appropriate regional office of the Department.~~

6. You must indicate "yes" or "no" for each of the following for all inspections:

- | Yes | No | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pumping information was provided by the owner, occupant, or Board of Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Were any of the system components pumped out in the previous two weeks? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has the system received normal flows in the previous two week period? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Have large volumes of water been introduced to the system recently or as part of this inspection? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were as built plans of the system obtained and examined? (If they were not available note as N/A) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Was the facility or dwelling inspected for signs of sewage back up? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Was the site inspected for signs of break out? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were all system components, excluding the SAS, located on site? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were the septic tank manholes uncovered, opened, and the interior of the tank inspected for the condition of the baffles or tees, material of construction, dimensions, depth of liquid, depth of sludge and depth of scum? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Was the facility owner (and occupants if different from owner) provided with information on the proper maintenance of subsurface sewage disposal systems? The size and location of the Soil Absorption System (SAS) on the site has been determined based on: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Existing information. For example, a plan at the Board of Health. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Determined in the field (if any of the failure criteria related to Part C is at issue approximation of distance is unacceptable) [310 CMR 15.302(5)] |



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D. System Information

1. Residential Flow Conditions:

Number of bedrooms (design): 66 Number of bedrooms (actual): 36

DESIGN flow based on 310 CMR 15.203 (for example: 110 gpd x # of bedrooms): 7,350 GPD

Description:

"Total installed capacity = 7,350 Gals. / day. Total phase II loading = 2,640 Gals. / day".

"Total phase III loading = 1,320 Gals. / day". Remaining capacity in system B, 7,350 – 2,640 -

1,320 = 3,390 Gals. / day".

Number of current residents: unknown

Does residence have a garbage grinder? Yes No

Does residence have a water treatment unit? Yes No

If yes, discharges to: _____

Is laundry on a separate sewage system? (Include laundry system inspection information in this report.) Yes No

Laundry system inspected? Yes No

Seasonal use? Yes No

Water meter readings, if available (last 2 years usage (gpd)): _____

Detail: _____

Sump pump? Yes No

Last date of occupancy: Currently occupied
Date



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2. Commercial/Industrial Flow Conditions:

Type of Establishment: _____

Design flow (based on 310 CMR 15.203): _____

Gallons per day (gpd)

Basis of design flow (seats/persons/sq.ft., etc.): _____

Grease trap present?

Yes No

Water treatment unit present?

Yes No

If yes, discharges to: _____

Industrial waste holding tank present?

Yes No

Non-sanitary waste discharged to the Title 5 system?

Yes No

Water meter readings, if available: _____

Last date of occupancy/use: _____

Date

Other (describe below): _____

3. Pumping Records: The septic tanks were last pumped in spring 2024.

Source of information:

Pumping co. slip.

Was system pumped as part of the inspection?

Yes No

If yes, volume pumped:

2,500 gal. tank & 4,000 gal. tank
gallons

How was quantity pumped determined?

By tank size and gauge on pump truck.

Reason for pumping:

Maintenance and to facilitate inspection.



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4. Type of System:

- (2)Septic tank, (2)distribution box, (2)soil absorption system & pump chamber
- Single cesspool
- Overflow cesspool
- Privy
- Shared system (yes or no) (if yes, attach previous inspection records, if any)
- Innovative/Alternative technology. Attach a copy of the current operation and maintenance contract (to be obtained from system owner) and a copy of latest inspection of the I/A system by system operator under contract
- Tight tank. Attach a copy of the DEP approval.
- Other (describe):

Approximate age of all components, date installed (if known) and source of information:

System installed in 1987, according to design plans.

Were sewage odors detected when arriving at the site?

Yes No

5. Building Sewer (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade: varies
feet

Material of construction:

cast iron 40 PVC other (explain): _____

Distance from private water supply well or suction line: na
feet

Comments (on condition of joints, venting, evidence of leakage, etc.):

Individual units building sewers tie into a common collection system.



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6. Septic Tank (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade:

cast iron manhole covers to grade
feet

Material of construction:

concrete

metal

fiberglass

polyethylene

other (explain)

(1) 4,000 gal. septic tank. (1) 2,500 gal. septic tank

If tank is metal, list age:

years

Is age confirmed by a Certificate of Compliance? (attach a copy of certificate)

Yes No

Dimensions:

4,000 gal.

2,500 gal.

Sludge depth:

13"

12"

Distance from top of sludge to bottom of outlet tee or baffle

~40"

~19"

Scum thickness

8"

10"

Distance from top of scum to top of outlet tee or baffle

9"

9"

Distance from bottom of scum to bottom of outlet tee or baffle

13"

7"

How were dimensions determined?

observed / tape measured.

Comments (on pumping recommendations, inlet and outlet tee or baffle condition, structural integrity, liquid levels as related to outlet invert, evidence of leakage, etc.):

The septic tanks appeared in good condition with baffles intact and liquid at the outlet invert

elevation with no evidence of ever having been significantly higher.

No effluent filter in outlet of either tank.



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7. Grease Trap (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade: _____

feet

Material of construction:

concrete

metal

fiberglass

polyethylene

other (explain): _____

Dimensions: _____

Scum thickness _____

Distance from top of scum to top of outlet tee or baffle _____

Distance from bottom of scum to bottom of outlet tee or baffle _____

Date of last pumping: _____

Date

Comments (on pumping recommendations, inlet and outlet tee or baffle condition, structural integrity, liquid levels as related to outlet invert, evidence of leakage, etc.):

8. Tight or Holding Tank (tank must be pumped at time of inspection) (locate on site plan):

Depth below grade: _____

Material of construction:

concrete

metal

fiberglass

polyethylene

other (explain): _____

Dimensions: _____

Capacity: _____

gallons

Design Flow: _____

gallons per day



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8. Tight or Holding Tank (cont.)

Alarm present:

Yes No

Alarm level: _____

Alarm in working order. Yes No

Date of last pumping:

Date _____

Comments (condition of alarm and float switches, etc.):

* Attach copy of current pumping contract (required). Is copy attached?

Yes No

9. Distribution Box (if present must be opened) (locate on site plan):

Depth of liquid level above outlet invert

Two d-boxes. both had liquid level at outlet invert.

Comments (note if box is level and distribution to outlets equal, any evidence of solids carryover, any evidence of leakage into or out of box, etc.):

Both concrete d-box appeared in good condition for their age.

Liquid level was at the outlets inverts elevation in each, with no evidence of ever having been significantly higher.

D-boxes each have riser with cast iron manhole cover at grade.

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10. Pump Chamber (locate on site plan):

Pumps in working order: Yes No*

Alarms in working order: Yes No*

Comments (note condition of pump chamber, condition of pumps and appurtenances, etc.):

Pump chamber appeared in good condition. Cast iron manhole covers at grade on inlet & outlet end over pumps.

Dual alternating pumps (each pumping to its own leaching field). Pumps were in proper working order. High liquid level alarm with float activation was in proper working order.

* If pumps or alarms are not in working order, system is a conditional pass.

11. Soil Absorption System (SAS) (locate on site plan, excavation not required):

If SAS not located, explain why:

Type:

- leaching pits number: _____
- leaching chambers number: _____
- leaching galleries number: _____
- leaching trenches number, length: **(14) x ~100'L ea.**
- leaching fields number, dimensions: _____
- overflow cesspool number: _____
- innovative/alternative system

Type/name of technology: _____

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11. Soil Absorption System (SAS) (cont.)

Comments (note condition of soil, signs of hydraulic failure, level of ponding, damp soil, condition of vegetation, etc.):

Stone and pipe system.

Area over and around S.A.S. was firm and dry.

No evidence of failure.

12. Cesspools (cesspool must be pumped as part of inspection) (locate on site plan):

Number and configuration

Depth – top of liquid to inlet invert

Depth of solids layer

Depth of scum layer

Dimensions of cesspool

Materials of construction

Indication of groundwater inflow

Yes No

Comments (note condition of soil, signs of hydraulic failure, level of ponding, condition of vegetation, etc.):



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13. **Privy (locate on site plan):**

Materials of construction: _____

Dimensions _____

Depth of solids _____

Comments (note condition of soil, signs of hydraulic failure, level of ponding, condition of vegetation, etc.):



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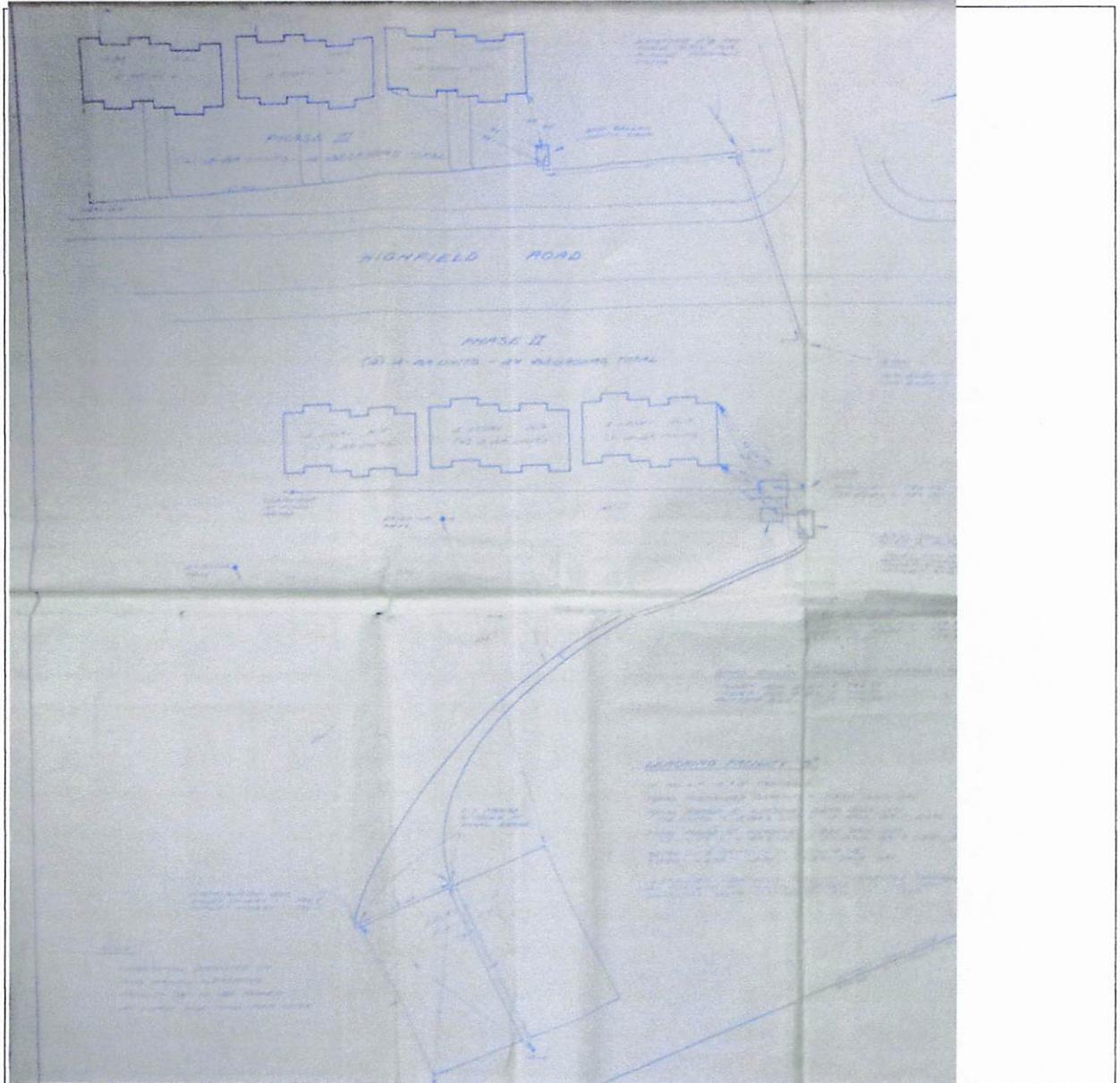
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14. Sketch Of Sewage Disposal System:

Provide a view of the sewage disposal system, including ties to at least two permanent reference landmarks or benchmarks. Locate all wells within 100 feet. Locate where public water supply enters the building. Check one of the boxes below:

- hand-sketch in the area below
- drawing attached separately





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15. Site Exam:

- Check Slope
- Surface water *none within 100'*
- Check cellar
- Shallow wells *none found nearby*

Estimated depth to high ground water:

7'

feet

Please indicate all methods used to determine the high ground water elevation:

- Obtained from system design plans on record
If checked, date of design plan reviewed: **10-28-96**
Date
- Observed site (abutting property/observation hole within 150 feet of SAS)
- Checked with local Board of Health - explain:

- Checked with local excavators, installers - (attach documentation)
- Accessed USGS database - explain:

You must describe how you established the high ground water elevation:

BoH file #'s 85-368 thru 85-375 and 86-467 thru 86-470.

Two S.A.S.'s in area mounded above original grade to achieve separation from S.A.S.

bottom above SHGW.

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E. Report Completeness Checklist

Complete all applicable sections of this form inclusive of:

A. Inspector Information: Complete all fields in this section.

B. Certification: Signed & Dated and 1, 2, 3, or 4 checked

C. Inspection Summary:

1, 2, 3, or 5 completed as appropriate

4 (Failure Criteria) and 6 (Checklist) completed

D. System Information:

For 8: Tight/Holding Tank – Pumping contract attached

For 14: Sketch of Sewage Disposal System drawn on pg. 16 or attached

For 15: Explanation of estimated depth to high groundwater included