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The Board of Health of the town of Westfield hereby makes and publishes, as required by the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the following Rules and Regulations for the public health and safety :—

Extract from the Public Statutes, Chapter 80, Section 18.

“The Board shall make such regulations as it judges necessary for the public health and safety. Whoever violates such regulations shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).”

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

EX. P. S. CHAP. 80, SEC. 78.

When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Board of Health in writing, of the City or Town in which he lives, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person, such of the rooms of said house and such of the articles therein as in the opinion of the Board of Health have been subjected to infection or contagion shall be disinfected by such householder to the satisfaction of said Board of Health.

Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

RULE I. The Board of Health considers the following diseases dangerous to the public health within the meaning of the statute: Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, small-pox, varioloid, diphtheria, membranous croup, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, typhus fever, epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis and contagious ophthalmia.

RULE II. (a) Any house in which any of the above diseases shall occur may be declared in quarantine by the Board of Health, or its authorized agent or agents. When a house has been declared in quarantine, all persons residing therein shall be subject to the rules of the Board of Health relating to quarantine.

(b) All persons residing in a house that has been declared in quarantine shall confine themselves to said house or its immediate grounds and shall not hold communication with well persons. Communication with said house shall be limited to physicians, nurses, and undertakers, and such persons as may be needed to supply its inmates with the necessaries of life, and in such a manner as the Board of Health may direct.

RULE III. Householders as well as attending physicians must immediately notify in writing, the Board of Health, of the occurrence of any of the above-named diseases of which they may have knowledge.

RULE IV. In all houses where a contagious disease is found to exist a placard must be displayed in a conspicuous place informing the public of the presence of such disease.

See Public Statutes, Chap. 80, Sect. 76: "And whoever obstructs the Selectmen, Board of Health, or its agent, in using such means to prevent the spreading of the infection, or willfully removes, obliterates, defaces or handles the red flags, or other signals so displayed, shall forfeit for each offence not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars."

RULE V. All rules and regulations relating to contagious diseases shall be in full force until the Board of Health removes from the premises the placards which notify the public of the existence of the disease.

RULE VI. No person shall remove or permit to be removed from any house any clothing or other property that may have been exposed to infectious or contagious disease, without written permission of the

Board of Health, nor shall any occupant take up his residence elsewhere without the written consent of the Board of Health.

RULE VII. Upon the death, recovery or removal of any person sick of any disease dangerous to the public health, the Board of Health shall require such disinfection of the house and such articles therein contained where such sickness has occurred, as may be deemed advisable by them, and such disinfection shall be done by a duly authorized agent of the Board of Health.

RULE VIII. In case books from the public schools are found in any household where contagious disease exists, they will be taken by the agent of the Board of Health, and will be either disinfected or destroyed under his direction. An inventory of the same will be sent to the teacher of the school to which the books belong and also to the Superintendent of Schools. The householder must pay for all disinfectants and all other expenses incurred by the Board of Health.

RULE IX. No child from a family in which there shall occur a case of Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, small-pox, varioloid, diphtheria, membranous croup, scarlet fever, or typhus fever, shall attend any school, public or private, or any member of the household attend any school or church in the town, during the continuance of the disease, or for a period of two weeks, or in case of measles three days, after the death, recovery, or removal of the person or persons sick.

RULE X. No pupil who, by reason of the foregoing rule, has been debarred from school attendance, shall be readmitted to any school in the town without a written permit from the Board of Health. Such permit may be issued when the attending physician has certified in writing to the Board of Health that in his opinion the child or person may attend school or church without danger of communicating any dangerous disease, and after proper disinfection of the premises.

RULE XI. No child affected with whooping-cough, mumps, chicken-pox, or German measles, shall attend any school in this town.

RULE XII. No child shall be admitted to a public or private school in this town unless it shall have first presented to the teacher of the school it desires to attend a certificate of vaccination or exemption

from vaccination from the Board of Health. Such certificates will be issued by the Board upon the satisfactory evidence of any reputable physician in accordance with the provisions of the statutes.

RULE XIII. No person from a family wherein a contagious disease exists shall take any book to or from the public library. The Board will inform the librarian of all cases of the above-mentioned diseases, and will take charge of all books and cards found in such cases. Until the librarian is notified that all danger of contagion is passed he shall deliver no books or magazines to any member of said family.

RULE XIV. No person or article liable to propagate a dangerous disease shall be brought within the limits of the town without special consent and direction of the Board of Health; and whenever it shall appear to any person that such person or article has been brought into the town, immediate notice thereof shall be given to the Board specifying its location.

RULE XV. No person sick with any contagious or infectious disease shall be transported in any public vehicle used in the carrying of passengers.

RULE XVI. When children are absent from school on account of illness, and whenever the teacher has reason to suspect the existence of a contagious disease in any household, he is authorized to exclude pupils from school until the case can be properly investigated. The teachers are required to exercise caution in sending pupils to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reason for such absence, specially forbidding them to enter the house to which they are sent. Pupils are not permitted to be sent where contagious diseases are believed to exist in the household of absent pupils. In any doubtful case the authority of the Board of Health should be consulted, as with them rests the power of causing any child to remain out of school so long as it might be a source of danger to the other scholars.

RULE XVII. *a.* The body of any person dying of cholera, small-pox, membranous croup, diphtheria, diphtheritic croup, measles, or scarlet fever, shall within twelve hours be interred to the satisfaction of the Board of Health. It shall be the duty of the undertaker to keep

such funeral strictly private, and to permit no other person or persons excepting the adult members of the deceased person's family and the officiating clergyman or minister, to be present thereat; and to convey such dead body directly from the place of death to the place of burial, and in no other vehicle than a hearse. All bodies shall be encased in a metallic air-tight casket, if so ordered by the Board of Health.

b. The dead body of any person who has died of any infectious or contagious disease shall be thoroughly disinfected, and shall not be exposed to the view of any person who is not necessarily engaged in the preparation of the same for burial.

c. The dead body of any person who has died of any contagious or infectious disease shall not be placed in any receiving vault in any cemetery, unless by written consent of the Board of Health.

d. No dead body of any person who has died of Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, measles, small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, shall be shipped or carried into or from said town by any means of conveyance whatsoever, without written permission of the Board of Health.

REGULATIONS FOR BURIALS.

RULE XVIII. No person shall bury a dead body, or cause one to be buried at any other time than between sunrise and sunset, except in accordance with a permit from the Board of Health.

RULE XIX. No person shall remove a dead body, or its remains, from a grave or tomb in the town, or disturb in a tomb or grave such body, or its remains, except in accordance with a permit from the Board of Health.

RULE XX. No person shall open or dig a grave in any burial ground, except in accordance with a permit from the Board of Health.

RULE XXI. No undertaker, sexton, or other person, shall bury in this town, or remove therefrom the body of a deceased person until he has received a permit so to do from the Board of Health. No such permit shall be issued until there has been delivered to the Board a satisfactory written statement containing the facts required by Chapter 306

of the Public Statutes, together with the certificate of the attending physician. Any persons violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00.)

REGULATIONS OF GARBAGE, ETC.

RULE XXII. No privy, cesspool or vault shall be opened in any manner or at any time than at such time and in such manner as the Board of Health may direct; and no person shall remove or carry through any public street, highway or square of the town the contents of any privy or vault, unless the person removing the same, and the cart, wagon or other conveyance in which the same is carried, shall be licensed for such purpose by the Board of Health. All such vaults shall be thoroughly cleaned out and the contents thereof removed once in each year, and oftener if the Board of Health so direct.

RULE XXIII. All putrid, decayed or decaying animal or vegetable matter shall be removed from the cellars and outbuildings on or before the fifteenth day of May in each year.

RULE XXIV. Every owner or occupant of any building in this town shall keep such building and yard belonging thereto free from all filth and substances liable to produce offensive odors.

RULE XXV. No person shall deposit or permit to be deposited by anyone occupying his premises, any house offal, brine, bones, dead animals, old leather, decayed fruit or vegetables, or any other rubbish, in any streams, ponds, catch-basin, street, lane, alley or public grounds of the town.

RULE XXVI. No owner of land abutting on a private passage-way and having the right to use such passage-way, shall suffer any filth or waste or stagnant water to remain on that part of the passage-way adjoining such land.

RULE XXVII. No person shall sweep into, or put or drop and suffer to remain in, any street or alley, any piece of hoop, board, wood, paper, or any sweepings, sawdust, soot, ashes, cinders, shavings, hair, manure, oyster shell, clam shell, lobster shell, fish head, fish tail, fish entrails,

or fish refuse, card, handbill, circular, pamphlet, or rubbish or filth of any kind, or any obnoxious refuse, liquid or solid matter or substance.

RULE XXVIII. No person shall collect, remove or carry in or through any of the streets, lanes, avenues, places or alleys within the town of Westfield, the contents of any cesspool, vault, privy or privy well, the drainage of any stable, dwelling house, slaughter house, or other buildings in the town, unless expressly licensed therefor by the Board of Health, upon such terms and conditions and by such methods, as the Board may deem that the public health requires; and upon failure to comply therewith the license shall be forthwith revoked and canceled. No privy vault or cesspool shall be cleaned between sunrise and 8 P. M.

RULE XXIX. No person shall collect or remove from any dwelling house, or other place in the town, any grease or refuse fatty matter, without first obtaining a permit so to do from the Board of Health, and in all respects complying with the conditions of such permit. All such permits shall expire on the first day of May annually, and may be revoked at any time by the Board of Health; and no person shall receive such a permit without first paying to the clerk of said Board for the use of the town, the sum of 50 cents.

RULE XXX. Every house shall be provided with a suitable metallic tight-covered receptacle to keep garbage or swill until the same is removed by the town scavenger, or person licensed to do the same. This receptacle shall be kept covered at all times except when depositing or removing garbage. It shall be kept on the ground floor, and be convenient of access.

RULE XXXI. No person shall deposit in the garbage to be taken by the town scavenger any tin cans, water (dish water not excepted), ashes, glass, oyster or clam-shells, saw-dust, cork-dust, old boots or shoes, dead animals, lawn clippings, hair, and all poisonous substances. Any garbage containing foreign matter of the kind enumerated above must be cared for by the owner at his own expense.

RULE XXXII. All such refuse collected or carried through the streets, square or highways, shall be put and carried in a close covered

vehicle, box, or other vessel from which no odors can escape, and which shall at all times, when not necessarily open for the purpose of depositing such refuse, be kept securely covered. If any of the contents thereof shall be spilled or fall upon any street, walk or premises, it shall be the duty of the driver to replace the same immediately and remove all traces thereof.

UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

ACTS OF 1894, CHAP. 491, SEC. 15.

Whoever knowingly sells, or offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession with intent to sell, for food, any diseased animal, or any product thereof, or any tainted, diseased, corrupted, decayed or unwholesome carcass, meat, fish, vegetables, produce, fruit, or provisions of any kind, or the veal of the calf killed under four weeks old, shall be punished by imprisonment in jail not exceeding sixty days, or by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AMONG DOMESTIC ANIMALS, DEAD ANIMALS, ETC.

ACTS OF 1894.

CHAP. 491, SECT. 29.

Every person, except the members of the board of cattle commissioners, who has knowledge of or has good reason to suspect the existence of any contagious disease among any species of domestic animals within the limits of this Commonwealth, or that any domestic animal is affected with any such contagious disease, whether such knowledge is obtained by personal examination or otherwise, shall immediately give written notice thereof to the Board of Health of the city or town where such diseased animal or animals are kept, and for failure so to do shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year:

ACTS OF 1894.

CHAP. 491, SECT. 37.

Contagious diseases under the provisions of this act shall include glanders, farcy, contagious pleuro-pneumonia, tuberculosis, Texas fever, foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, hog cholera and rabies.

RULE XXXIII. Persons having the care and custody of animals diseased or infected with pleuro-pneumonia, farcy, glanders, or rabies, or any other contagious or infectious disease, whether their own property or otherwise, and having received an order for their isolation, shall neither sell, swap, trade, give, nor in any way dispose of such animals; nor drive, nor work, nor move, nor allow them to be moved away from the place of isolation, nor allow other animals, not already exposed, to come in contact with them until otherwise ordered by the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, or the State Cattle Commissioners.

RULE XXXIV. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any street, lot, lake or river, or other body of water in said town, any dead animal or part thereof. It shall be the duty of any owner or other person having charge of any animal at the time of its death to remove or cause to be removed the dead body of such animal within six hours after death, and properly buried, unless permission to do otherwise is given by said Board in writing.

RULE XXXV. No person shall abandon or leave in any street, alley, lot or other public place within said town, any sick or injured horse or other animal. It shall be the duty of the owner of such sick or injured animal to make provision for the care and shelter of the same, or, if such sick or injured animal shall be adjudged past recovery, to kill or cause to be killed, the same and remove under the rules and regulations of the Board of Health.

RULE XXXVI. No person shall keep any fowl or animal in any part of a dwelling-house, or in any place in the town where the Board of Health may deem such keeping detrimental to the health or comfort of the residents of the neighborhood, or to those who may pass thereby;

and said Board shall have the power to remove or cause to be removed therefrom, any such fowl or animal so kept.

RULE XXXVII. Owners and occupants of livery and other stables within the town, shall not wash or clean their carriages or horses, or cause them to be washed or cleaned in the streets or public ways. They shall keep their stables and yards clean, and not allow large quantities of manure to accumulate in or near the same at any one time between the first day of May and the first day of November, and no manure shall be allowed to accumulate or remain uncovered outside of a stable building.

SWINE LIMITS.

RULE XXXVIII. No person shall keep or maintain or suffer, allow or permit to be kept or maintained on any premises of which he is the owner or occupant, any swine between the first day of May and the fifteenth day of October of each year, within the district herein described and bounded, viz. :

Beginning at a point on Main street at the southeast end of Moseley's Park, thence along Main street to Cross street; thence along Cross street to East Silver street; thence along East Silver street to West Silver street to South Maple street; thence along South Maple street to a point where the line of Linden avenue produced meets South Maple street; thence along Linden avenue to Myrtle avenue; thence along Myrtle avenue to West Silver street; thence along West Silver street to Mill street; thence along Mill street to Oak street; thence along Oak street to Paper street; thence along Paper street to Mill street; thence along Mill street to Crane avenue; thence along Crane avenue to Highland avenue; thence northerly along Highland avenue to Western avenue; thence easterly on Western avenue to Court street to High street; thence northerly on High street to King street; thence easterly on King street to Grand street; thence along Grand street along a line of Grand street produced to Franklin avenue; thence along the line of Franklin avenue to Great River dike; thence easterly on the line of the

dike to Kellogg street; thence northerly across Westfield river in a straight line to Atwater street; thence along the line of Atwater street to Prospect street; thence easterly along the line of Prospect street to Crown street; thence northerly along the line of Crown street to Notre Dame street; thence easterly along the line of Notre Dame street to North Elm street; thence southerly along the line of North Elm street to Harvard street; thence along the line of Harvard street to Dartmouth street; thence along the line of Dartmouth street to Union street; thence easterly along the line of Union street to Katherine street; thence southerly along the line of Katherine street; thence southerly across the Westfield river in a straight line from Katherine street to place of beginning.

Any premises abutting on any of the above described lines on either side thereof, are and shall be considered and deemed to be within the district of which such line is a bound.

Any and all swine in any pen or other enclosure in which swine are kept outside of said districts shall be kept in a condition of neatness and cleanliness acceptable to the Board of Health.

SPECIAL VOTES.

By virtue of the authority given in Chapter 80, of the Public Statutes, the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield hereby forbids the exercise or the trade or employment of rendering tallow (other than fresh tallow), lard, grease, bones, or other refuse animal matter within the limits of the Town of Westfield, except at such places as have been or may hereafter be assigned by said Board; such trade or employment being in the opinion of the Board a nuisance hurtful to the inhabitants and the exercise of which is attended by noisome and injurious odors.

At a meeting of the Board of Health held August 16, 1897, the following order was passed:

Voted, That no cesspool or privy-vault be allowed on any land abutting on a street in which there is a public sewer.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Health, owners of property affected by this order will be allowed until August 1, 1898, to comply with the same.

At a meeting of the Board of Health held to-day, the above Rules and Regulations were adopted.

L. H. BEALS, CHAIRMAN,	} <i>Board</i>	
C. H. ABBE,		<i>of</i>
JAMES W. HOLLAND, M. D., CLERK,		<i>Health.</i>

WESTFIELD, MASS., May 2, 1898.

The meetings of the Board of Health are held in the Police Court Room, Town Hall, Mondays, at 2 P. M.

