

**Town of Rowe FY2013
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for May 17th, 2013**

Present: **Board Members:** David Cousineau, Chair, Joann Brown. Jennifer Morse, Absent
Clerk, Marcella Stafford Gore

Call to order 6:02PM

Appointment (s): Rowe Health Agent, Lisa Danek Burke

Poll of audience: Rosie Gordon Robin Reed Kris Swenson and Loretta Dionne.

New School Building/Septic System

Jennifer read aloud a letter received from Bostley Sanitary Services re; the Title V inspection on April 17th:
The letter states in part; "*The school will need a new S.A.S. (Soil Absorption System) because the one currently installed is below the water table*".

The board discussed the letter submitted by Ms. Zavotka of the School Building Committee:

At the May 3rd BOH meeting, Ms. Zavotka presented a letter she received from Engineer Shawn Kimberly recommending that the School Building Committee propose the possibility of reusing the existing leach field for a period of 3-6 months after which a full title V inspection would be conducted. Ms. Zavotka asked the board's permission to proceed with Mr. Kimberley's recommendation.

The board voted to deny this request based on the Bostley inspection results. Lisa agreed this is an accurate decision based on state regulations.

A discussion took place between the board, audience members and Health Agent, Lisa Danek Burke.

The Rowe school building's existing septic system will need to be replaced and the board will need to review and approve the new design. The building was built in the 1960's and the new septic would not impact the design of the new building and the current leech field could be abandoned.

The board asked Marcella to draft a letter to the School Building Committee to inform them of the board's vote.

Septic System Plans

The board discussed that David, Jennifer and Marcella have all, prior to the school building site inspections, requested the school's septic plans from Town Coordinator, Ellen Miller.

At the April 17th, Title V inspection at the school site, PM Michael Del Vecchio had a copy of the septic plans; he informed Dave that he obtained the copy from Ellen Miller. At the May 1st perc test Shawn Kimberley of S.K. Engineering also had a copy of the plans he received from Ellen Miller. The board feels that this clearly indicates a lack of cooperation from the administrative office.

The board instructed Marcella to prepare a letter to the Selectmen re: this issue; Marcella will submit the letter for approval and signatures at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes

The board voted to table the May 3rd, 2013 minutes.

Warrant (s)/Invoice(s)

Invoices approved and signed, no payroll warrant this meeting.

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Logs

No logs this meeting.

FCSWMD

Tonnage Report

Our tonnage rate for mixed paper was slightly higher than last year, but the Town of Rowe still ranks low in recycling. The board discussed a “pay as you throw” program which has been implemented in several small towns to encourage recycling. They also discussed obtaining large posters displaying recycling protocol for the transfer station. The board instructed Marcella to submit an article in the upcoming Goal Post concerning this issue.

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Dave read aloud portions of the February 6th meeting minutes and made mention that the market price for recyclables is down. Minutes accepted and filed.

DEP Sustainability Grant

The DEP is no longer allowing the purchase of recycled paper or office supplies. After reviewing the grant paperwork the board voted to apply for and use the \$500.00 grant allowance for the purchase of poster type signage re: recycling and kitchen compost bins: the bins to be distributed to residents on a first come, first serve basis. Marcella will complete the grant application and send it to Jan Ameen.

PELHAM LAKE

Housatonic Basin/Berkshire Engineering Beach Sampling Contract

The board asked Marcella to amend the contract by adding to the sentence in the first paragraph “the services will include sampling and re- sampling, weekly inspection form, and reports to the appropriate authorities *which include first contacting Board of Health Chair, David Cousineau if results exceed maximum state allowance*”.

The contract was approved and signed.

The board also asked Marcella to send a letter with the contract requesting that contact protocol be; Dave first, Jennifer second and Joann third on the call list.

Beach Permit

The board reviewed Sean Loomis’ application for a beach permit. The permit (issued from May 15-Sept 15) was approved and signed.

Jennifer will deliver the permit to Sean.

Beach Testing Results

Right	Center	Inlet
3	3	3

Beach testing this year will be performed by Premier Laboratory.

TITLE V

Perc Tests scheduled;

Rowe Camp.....5/23 at 9:00am with Jennifer

Shulda.....5/24 at 9:00am with David

DelGreco.....5/28 at 9:00am with David

Smith.....5/31 at 9:00am with Jennifer

Marcella will confirm this schedule with Lisa, Shawn Kimberly and Mike Friedlander. Mike Friedlander of Colrain will be witnessing the Shulda perc because Lisa has a conflict of interest issue.

Certificate of Compliance

The board reviewed and approved the Gates/Sprague COC. David signed and Thomas Danek picked up the certificate.

ROWE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Notice of Non-Compliance

The board received a copy of a letter sent to Paulette Roccio stating that RC&CC has failed to comply with the State's certified drinking water operator requirements dated May 8, 2013; Marcella attempted to contact Deirdre Cabral & Douglas Paine for information but was unable to reach anyone. The board instructed Marcella to contact Paulette and ask what is being done to meet DEP requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1-The board discussed and agreed to have Marcella to submit an article for the upcoming Goal Post Issue re; Temporary Food Permit Applications requirements.
- 2-Meeting schedule set for 5-30, 6-13, 6-27, 7-11, 7-23.

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm.

Next Meeting date, 5/30/13

David Cousineau, Chair

Joann Brown

Jennifer Morse