

**Town of Rowe FY2013
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes for July 23rd, 2013**

Present: **Board Members:** David Cousineau, Chair, and Jennifer Morse. Absent, Joann Brown.
Clerk, Marcella Stafford Gore **Call to Order 6:02PM.**

Poll of Audience:

Rowe Health Agent, Lisa Danek Burke, Rowe Treasurer, Donna Flagg, School Building Committee Chair, Susan Zavotka, School Building Site Civil Engineer, Bob Stevens, School Building Architect, Chip Greenburg, Michael Beausoleil of Bostley Sanitary Services and Shawn Kimberley, P.E. of S.K. Kimberley Engineering all in to discuss new school building septic system. Rosie Gordon was in to observe the meeting.

Mr. Greenberg asked Mr. Kimberley to explain existing system;

Mr. Kimberley reported that he performed a perc test and a review of the system on May 1st. The system was built in 1961 and has two leech fields that feed from two large Dboxes with five outlets on each. He did not remove the Dbox covers. Six holes were dug for testing, and he found quite a bit of fill approximately 7 ft. Entire system is approximately 10,000 sq ft with 6-10ft of fill. Mr. Kimberley believes that 3ft of impervious soil is the issue concerning the groundwater, "*Rainfall goes through the sand then hits the impervious layer of soil and slopes out*". He expressed that he is impressed at how well the system was built.

BOH: Jennifer asked Mr. Kimberley in what ways the system does not meet with current DEP regulations:

1. Fill is not Title V material
2. No siphons
3. Impervious soil
4. Dboxes are not buried.

Mr. Kimberley's upgrades proposal includes:

1. 1000 gal Grease traps
2. 3000 gal septic tank
3. 2500 gal pump chamber
4. Dual F1 filters
5. New Dboxes buried with 6 inch outlets
6. Existing leech field will remain.

Bob Stevens: Mr. Stevens stated that because the system is in a topographical location that the current soil base is more suitable and that the system was built to last. "*If the building didn't burn down, the system would be working fine. It may have failed by Title V standards but we have evidence that it does not create a health hazard. It's a very well built system and we can't prove that it will fail, there is no evidence of the leech field failing.*" Mr. Stevens and Mr. Greenberg feel Title V is not relevant /does not apply because the system has been dormant and that an inspection was not warranted because the property did not change hands and/or the system did not fail. They both want to run the existing system for the duration of one school year before another Title V inspection is performed.

Lisa Danek Burke: Lisa stated that if you follow the code, the system would be in failure, "*we can not ignore that a Title V did take place and that the inspection failed.*" Lisa also stated that once a Title V is performed and fails, the owner must comply with upgrades/replacement within two years.

Michael Beausoleil: "*My report was not formal but the board did see water at the inspection, so now they have a responsibility to fail. You look for groundwater at 3ft.; SAS has to be above water table.*" Mr. Beausolei had several suggestions, one being to fabricate concrete covers for the Dboxes. He agrees with Mr. Kimberley to allow the current system (with upgrades) to run for the duration of one school year before another Title V inspection is conducted so the board may obtain a more accurate reading.

BOH: Dave spoke to Mass DEP Representative Paul Nietupski; Mr. Nietupski relayed that these decisions are up to the local BOH but he will offer guidance. Mr. Kimberley also spoke to Mr. Nietupski and was told the only way to “override” Mr. Beausolei’s findings was to conduct another inspection.

Ms. Zavotka asked about the application process; the board informed her that she will need to fill out application Form 1A, the application is then reviewed by the BOH and the health agent. Once the application is approved the board and Lisa will review the plans, if approved a permit, Form 2A will be issued. Ms. Zavotka requests that if it is at all possible, the board make a decision on this matter by their next meeting date.

BOH: Dave requested copies of all plans from all parties involved. Dave will pick up copies from Chip Greenberg on Friday.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes

Minutes for June 27th and July 11th accepted and signed.

Warrant (s)/Invoices

Payroll #2 and invoices approved and signed.

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Logs

Attendant’s logs read aloud and accepted.

Swap Shed

The steps to the shed are in need of repair. Dave will talk to Ted Palmer. The attendants’ temporarily fixed two steps.

Signage/Compost Bins

Jennifer will obtain pricing on “Backup” signage. She will also call Jan Ameen to inquire about the compost bins and recycling containers.

FCSWMD

Escrow Account

Dave read aloud a memo stating that the town was issued a check in the amount of \$1,782.27 which was the amount of the escrow account. The check was deposited into the Recycling Revolving Fund account. In the future all funds from recyclable paper and containers will be sent to the town on a quarterly basis and deposited into this account. Marcella will check with the accountant to see if this new account has been given a reference number.

HEALTH SERVICES

MDPH Site Inspection

Dave read aloud a memo from Town Nurse, Sheila Litchfield summarizing the MA DPH Immunization Program site visit on July 15th. Board member Joann Brown was also present. The inspection showed that our nurse is in compliance with requirements associated with the vaccine program.

PELHAM LAKE

Christian’s Law

Jennifer, Dave and Lisa visited the lake on 7/22 to be sure Christian’s Law was being followed. Jennifer will return to ensure the delivery of 30 recently purchased life jackets arrived and that the jackets are easily available. Documentation of swim testing will also be reviewed.

Recycling

Rosie Gordon commented that the lake does not recycle; Jennifer will drop off blue recycling bins and talk to Park Ranger, Sean Loomis to explain that recycling is mandatory. The board instructed Marcella to draft a memo to be sent to all departments re; the need to recycle.

ROWE CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Inspection

The kitchen inspection on 7/22 passed, a few minor violations were noted. Lisa will submit a report.

Swim Policy

Jennifer turned over a copy of the camp's swimming and water safety policy.

Gasoline Storage

The board has concerns re: gasoline being stored in a locked shed. The board will talk to Fire Chief, Paul McClatchy.

TITLE V

Perc Test (s)

The perc test performed at Country Road (Volland) on 7/23 passed. Dave and Lisa witnessed.
(for the replacement of an existing system)

OLD BUSINESS

1- Jennifer delivered all Old Home Day Temporary Food applications to Marcella

NEW BUSINESS

1-Board meeting schedule set as follows;
8/6, 8/19, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/17, 11/1, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10
2- Dave and Lisa to inspect Rowe Camp & CC on July 29th.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Approved:

David Cousineau, Chair

Joann Brown

Jennifer Morse