Board of Health
October 15, 1985
Meeting Minutes

Present: G. Riggan, T. Snyder, M. Morse

Mr. Riggan reported that Mrs. Dorothy Schubert told him that she has had her well water tested by Berkshire Enviro Lab. The result being that her water is not potable due to high concentration of salt. She expects the Town to do something about it since Mr. Enser, of Berkshire Enviro Lab, declares it is highly probable that the problem stems from the sand and salt piles at the Town Garage.

Mr. Riggan has talked with Craig Barry about the problem of the Town's liability in the matter. Mr. Barry said that if there is a written report stating that there is a high probability that the problem is caused by the sand and salt piles, Rowe is liable. Mr. Barry also said that the Town should not try to resolve the problem, but should let the owners (this could also include the Glass well) fix the problem, then negotiate to reimburse.

Mr. Snyder suggested extensive testing be done before a written report is accepted. He would like to have the water in both wells tested as well as the water in the Mill Pond,and sediment at the edge of the pond near the piles.

It was suggested that a shelter for the sand and salt piles be constructed and a tickler for the annual town meeting put in the file.

Mr. Riggan reported his findings regarding the Fitzgerald Fence Company in relation to their bid to install the fence and gate at the Refuse Garden. He said that the Chamber of Commerce in Northampton had no negative reports and that the list of references obtained directly from Fitzgerald Fence was impressive. The Board awarded the bid to Fitzgerald subject to the Town's finding an electrician who will do the wiring at a reasonable rate. A letter will be sent to Fitzgerald and to all other bidders.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Morse, Clerk

Approved: George A. Riggan
Timothy C. Snyder
Ellen S. Foberg