Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 1986

Present: Ellen Foberg, George Riggan, Timothy Snyder, Melissa Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M.

The Board was joined by Prudence Berry and Jeff Frey of the Rowe Camp and Conference Center. The Building Inspector (William Foster) has informed them that he would be unable to issue an occupancy permit for the building now used as an infirmary by the Camp because of structural problems. They would like to replace or remodel this building. They wished to know the regulations regarding the alternatives. They were informed by the Chairman that they would need an valid percolation test and a septic system construction permit for any new buildings. Mrs. Foberg told them that they could apply to the Building Inspector for a building permit to remodel without a new percolation test, as long as it was only remodeling and not actually new construction. Mr. Frey stated that he believed the present septic system is inadequate, consisting of only a 500 gallon septic tank. The Camp would rather raze the existing infirmary and construct a new building and a new septic system. Mr. Frey also stated that they have a time restriction due to the scheduled opening of the Camp June 25, 1987. Percolation tests cannot be done until the ground has thawed in the spring and that would not give them enough time to complete construction before the opening date. Mr. Riggan suggested that they approach Mr.Foster and ascertain what repairs need to be done to the structure to meet building codes for another year to give them time for a percolation test, design and construction of a new septic system and construction and completion of a new infirmary before the following year's camping season begins (June of 1988). Ms. Berry and Mr. Frey agreed that this was a reasonable idea and will contact Mrs. Foberg after talking to Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Foberg reported that regarding the Munroe school house on Legate Hill Road, a letter will be drafted this week informing the owner (Carl Munroe) that the house has been condemned as being unfit for human habitation. A letter will also be sent from the Building Inspector informing Mr. Munroe that the structure does not meet building codes and has been condemned for

this reason also. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has arranged for temporary housing of the tenants in Charlemont until a permanant arrangement can be made. The minor child involved will still be able to attend the Rowe School for the time being in order to cause him as little disruption as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Quinn, Clerk

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

George A. Riggan

Timothy C. Snyder