Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 1988

Present: Ellen Foberg, George Riggan, Marion Boggs, Melissa Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 8:54 P.M.

Mrs. Foberg reported on the meeting held in Charlemont last Thursday to discuss the emergency medical budget for the next fiscal year. The purchase of a new ambulance was mentioned, and Mrs. Foberg told those in attendance that she would propose to the Rowe voters at the annual town meeting that Rowe contribute half of the purchase price of the ambulance. The finalized budget will be ready sometime after February 1st.

Insurance coverage was also discussed for the Rowe EMTs. Dennis Annear, of Charlemont, told Mrs. Foberg that the Rowe EMTs are only covered under the Charlemont plan if they are called out on the Charlemont radio. He suggested that the EMTs from Rowe become members of the Rowe Fire Department and thus be covered under that policy. There was a motion to recommend to Chief Ed May that the Rowe EMTs join the Rowe Fire Department in order that they be insured. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mrs. Foberg pointed out that John Brickett, R.S. (Health Agent/Sanitarian) had attended the meeting on conflict of interest. He had raised a question regarding the propriety of his designing septic systems and then also inspecting the completed system. This Board feels that this is the proper procedure to follow, as the person designing the system is the only one that can ascertain that it has been properly constructed according to design specifications. Mr. Brickett was advised at the meeting to contact the state ethics board if he needed clarification.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Clerk

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

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