Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 1988

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Steve Ellis (Department of Environmental Quality Engineering) attended the meeting to discuss the state recycling program. The recycling plant is located in Springfield, and there will be no tipping fee to member towns. There is the possibility of payments to member towns at some future time, if the program shows a profit. There is a waiting list for free equipment, and Rowe is number six on the list. In the meantime, equipment can be leased. A mandatory recycling by-law must be passed for a town to gain membership in the program, and until a special town meeting is held and such a by-law passed, the Board of Health can adopt a recycling regulation . The town must collect and transport materials to Springfield, and Mr. Ellis estimated that Rowe would generate approximately 40 tons of recyclable materials annually. There was a motion to adopt a mandatory recycling regulation. (see attached) The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Sandra and Gene Donovan (Zoar Road) came in to register a complaint about the "stump dump". They stated that according to DEQE regulations, the Town is in violation of state regulations, and they asked that the Board move to close it. After some discussion, there was a motion to close the stump dump immediately. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. (see attached)

Wayne Stickney (Middletown Hill Road) came in to have the Board of Health sign his Disposal Works Construction permit. He asked if there were any other steps that he must take in order to obtain a building permit and was told that it was the Board's understanding that he could not construct a second house on a lot, and a sub-division of his property would be needed. He was advised to contact the Planning Board.

James Taylor (Chairman, Conservation Commission) came in to report that his board had granted Ed McCloud (Old Cyrus Stage Road) permission to cross a wetland to perform a percolation test. He asked if the test could be done on May 21 at 3:00 P.M. and Mrs. Foberg confirmed that time and date.

Mrs. Foberg also reported that there would be another percolation test done on the 21st at 10:00 A.M. on the property of Daniel Wessman on Davis Mine Road.

The Chairman reported that a percolation test performed on May 10, 1988 had the following result:

NAME	MAP AND LOT	RESULT
Molly Scott (Davis Mine Rd.)	6 - 37	Failed

There was a motion to apply for a Reserve Fund Transfer for the Refuse Garden Account in the amount of $5,000. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Quinn was directed to order a "NO SMOKING" sign for the front door of the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Quinn, Clerk

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg

George A. Riggan

George A. Riggan

Marion W. Boggs

Marion W. Boggs

S. RUSSELL SYLVA
Commissioner
JOHN J. HIGGINS
Regional Environmental Engineer

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Department of Environmental Quality Engineering
Western Region
436 Dwight Street, Springfield, Mass. 01103
(413) 785-5327

MODEL MANDATORY RECYCLING BYLAW

In order to implement a program of recycling in conjunction with ordinary waste disposal, residents of every household shall separate waste material into the following categories before depositing same for disposal:

1. glass and cans
2. paper
3. other waste

If no separation takes place, waste material shall not be accepted at the disposal location. Repeat offenders shall suffer a fine of $_____.

Town of Rowe

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Massachusetts

01367

From the Office of

Board of Health

May 11, 1988

NOTICE TO ALL HOUSEHOLDERS

It has been called to our attention by citizens that according to DEQE (Department of Environmental Quality Engineering) regulations, the stump dump is too close to residential property and too close to Pelham Brook, and that a failure on the part of the Town to act would lead to a report to DEQE. The Board therefore has **CLOSED** the stump dump.

To the best of our present knowledge there is no suitable location in Rowe for a stump landfill. We will undertake an investigation to see if a suitable site can be found and determine what steps are necessary to make it available for use as a stump dump.

The only present alternative is to dispose of brush, leaves, stumps, etc. on your own property.

Regretfully yours,

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman
George A. Riggan
Marion W. Boggs

Board of Health