Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 1988

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M.

A letter to Edgerton Miles regarding a percolation test performed on his property on Stone Hill Road on May 29, 1985 was read for approval by Mrs. Foberg. At the time of the test, water was found at forty-eight inches and under current town by-laws, there must be no water present for six feet. This renders the 1985 test invalid.

In further consultation with the Town Health Agent/Sanitarian, John Brickett, it became apparent that he could not guarantee that back-filling the first twenty-five feet of a trench dug by William Foster (on property on Zoar Road) below his leach field would prevent the septic system from leaching into a town culvert and then into Pelham Brook. On his recommendation, it was decided to specify that Mr. Foster construct a curtain drain a minimum of twenty-five feet above and parallel to his existing leach field to assure that leachate will not go into the culvert and Pelham Brook. A letter will be sent to Mr. Foster stating this specification.

Following a report from the Building Inspector that the Gail Rice camp (Hazelton Road) has no existing septic system and no potable water, it was the consensus that this premises is not fit for human habitation, is therefore condemned for health reasons. The premises must be vacated. A registered letter informing Ms. Rice of this action will be posted as soon as possible.

A letter was received from the Cooperative Extension of the University of Massachusetts, Franklin County Office, regarding a program for lake-shore residents on septic systems and drinking water. Mrs. Quinn was directed to send copies of the information to all residents or home owners with property on Pelham Lake.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Clerk

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

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