Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 1990

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M.

John Brickett (Health Agent/Sanitarian) was present to discuss his fees and duties for FY 1991. Mr. Brickett voiced concern about the Town's Board of Health regulations concerning sewage disposal system construction and percolation tests; specifically, he questioned the requirements that not only is he (as our health agent) the only person allowed to perform percolation tests, he is also the only person allowed to engineer and design sewage disposal systems.

After some discussion, there was a unanimous vote to amend the Board of Health regulations concerning sewage system construction and percolation tests (see Attachments A and B).

There was also a unanimous vote to discontinue the practice of the Town paying for the first percolation test on a lot. This is now the responsibility of the landowner.

Notice of these changes will be published in the January Goal Post.

It was voted unanimously to adopt the recycling regulations as proposed by B.J. Roche, Recycling Coordinator, as amended. (see Attachment C). These new regulations will also be published in the January Goal Post.

Weekly time sheets were received for the School Nurse.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Clerk

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

George A. Riggan

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Marion W. Boggs

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Attachments (A-C)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULATIONS
Driveways and Culverts

The construction of driveways and the installation of culverts must be approved by the Highway Superintendent and be constructed at the owner's expense.

BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULATIONS

Sewage System Construction

Upon written request, a permit for the construction or reconstruction of a subsurface sewage system must be obtained prior to the construction of the system. A permit will only be issued upon completion of a satisfactory percolation test in accordance with state Title V Code, Town bylaws and local Board of Health policy, and will require an approved design, specific to the estimated usage, engineered by ~~the Town's Health Agent/Sanitarian~~. a qualified engineer or registered sanitarian.

Construction permits are valid for two (2) years.

In-ground sewage systems shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from any well, or any other source of potable water, and greater than seventy-five (75) feet from any property boundary line.

No installation shall be covered until final inspection by the Health Agent/Sanitarian and two (2) members of the Board of Health.

Wells and Potable Water

Before a building permit can be issued for a residential dwelling the Building Inspector must receive certification that a suitable source of potable water is available at the construction site. A suitable source of potable water is one which has sufficient flow for the intended use, and has been tested by an approved testing facility to the following Board of Health specifications:

Total coliform -- no more than 1 per 100 milliliters
Fecal coliform -- none detectable

All drilled wells shall be drilled by an approved well driller licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

All shallow wells, springs or other sources of potable water shall be constructed in accordance with a design which has been approved by the Town's Health Agent/Sanitarian.

The construction/drilling of all sources of potable water shall be logged and filed with the Board of Health.

Percolation Tests

Percolation tests for the purpose of construction of a new in-ground sewage system shall be performed between March 1st and May 31st. Requests for percolation tests shall be made to the Board of Health no later than May 15th.

In order to successfully pass a percolation test the following conditions must be met:

a) There must be no bedrock, ledge, hardpan or other impermeable or poorly permeable subsurface layer within six (6) feel of the existing surface grade.

b) There must be no seasonal surface water present during the year for a period of thirty (30) days or more, within one hundred (100) feet of the area of proposed usage.

c) There shall be no ground water within six (6) feet of the existing surface grade.

d) The subsurface soil shall aborb water at an average rate of not less than one (1) inch in thirty (30) minutes for a total of not less than three (3) inches in ninety (90) minutes.

Two (2) members of the Board of Health shall observe the performance of a percolation test conducted by ~~the Health Agent/Sanitarian.~~ a professional engineer or registered sanitarian.

PARK COMMISSION
PELHAM LAKE PARK REGULATIONS

1. The Park will be open daily for the use of Rowe residents and landowners. Entrance passes will be provided by the Park Commission.

2. The Lifeguard has complete authority over the beach area.

3. No boat motor in excess of 10 horsepower shall be permitted on Pelham Lake.

4. Domestic animals must always be under control.

5. Camping and fires permitted at designated spots only. BE SURE ALL FIRES ARE COMPLETELY OUT BEFORE LEAVING THEM.

6. Hunting and trapping are prohibited in game sanctuary.

7. Use of the Sibley Camp will be permitted at the discretion of the Park Commission.

Board of Health Recycling Regulations

In compliance with state mandate that the Town of Rowe establish a program to recycle cans, bottles and newspapers, beginning on January 15, 1990, the following recycling regulations are enacted by the Board of Health:

1. RECYCLABLES are defined in the following categories:

A. METAL: aluminum cans, aluminum foil and wrappers and containers or trays used in the packaging of prepared foods; ferrous metal cans; all "tin" containers, composed in whole of iron, steel or "tin" used for the packaging or storing of various food and non-food items. EXCLUDING: paint containers; containers of solvents, insecticides, herbicides, gasoline, oil or propane; aerosol spray cans; batteries; auto parts.

B. GLASS: all clear and colored unbroken glass jars and bottles or similar products made from silica and/or soda ash and limestone, and all other material commonly known as glass. EXCLUDING: blue and flat glass and glass commonly known as window glass; dishes and crockery; lightbulbs.

C. PAPER: clean and unsoiled newspaper, including newsprint, all newspaper advertisements, supplements, comics and enclosures, magazines, catalogues and other third-class mail. EXCLUDING: envelopes with plastic windows.

Newspapers shall be considered clean and uncontaminated if they have not been exposed to substances or conditions rendering them unusable for recycling. Persons may wrap solid waste in used newspapers and discard same with garbage even if such wrapping does not render the newspaper unusable for recycling.

Other recyclable paper products include: corrugated paper, paper boxes, cardboard, non-waxed cardboard cartons, pasteboard and similar paper materials. EXCLUDING waxed paper or plastic coated containers such as milk or juice cartons and frozen food boxes; disposable diapers or sanitary products; containers or paper products contaminated with food.

2. UNRECYCLABLES....The following cannot be recycled:

Plastics; styrofoam; paint containers; containers of solvents, insecticides, herbicides, gasoline, oil or propane; aerosol spray cans; batteries; auto parts; blue and flat glass and glass commonly known as window glass; dishes and crockery; lightbulbs; envelopes with plastic windows; waxed paper or plastic-coated containers such as milk or juice cartons and frozen food boxes; disposable diapers or sanitary products; containers or paper products contaminated with food; used paper towels; used napkins; used paper plates; used facial tissue.

3. Residents may, but are not required to use the recycling receptacle provided to each household for the purpose of placing recyclables in the transfer bin for disposal. Residents are responsible for bringing recyclables to the transfer bin located at the Refuse Garden for removal to Springfield.

A. Recyclable materials shall be placed in the assigned bins at the Town Refuse Gardens.

B. All the metal and glass recyclables shall be placed together in the designated recycling bin separate from rubbish or garbage. The recyclables should be rinsed but need not be flattened or pressed in any way, and labels, lids, corks and neck rings need not be removed.

C. Recyclable newspapers and corrugated paper shall be placed in the recycling bin in a manner to prevent the scattering of the paper.

1. Newspapers shall either be packed in standard grocery bags, paper shopping bags, placed in corrugated boxes, or securely tied in flat bundles, none of which shall weigh more than fifty (50) pounds.

2. If not used for packing paper recyclables, corrugated boxes and cardboard cartons shall be collapsed and tied in bundles not weighing more than fifty (50) pounds and placed in the recycling bin.

4. Upon collection by the Town, recyclable materials become the property of the town of Rowe.

5. Solid waste disposed of in the compactor bin and bulk bin will be subject to periodic inspection by the Board of Health and the Recycling Coordinators.

6. Any violation of this section or any part thereof shall be punishable by a fine NOT TO EXCEED $300 dollars. The Board of Health reserves the right to institute additional fines, if required.

7. This ordinance shall take effect January 15, 1990.