Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 1991

Present: James O'Brien, Leonard Laffond, Melissa Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Also present was Police Chief Henry Dandeneau.

An incident of illegal dumping at the Refuse Garden was reported by Selectman James O'Brien. (see attached) Chief Dandeneau will advise his officers to be particularly vigilant in regards to unauthorized activities taking place at the Refuse Garden.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

James E. O'Brien

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Michele Cascone
Steele Brook Road
Rowe, Massachusetts 01367

Dear Mr. Cascone:

On Thursday, December 12, 1991 at approximately 1:00 P.M., your son, accompanied by an unidentified individual, was observed unloading rubbish and other waste materials into the compactor and the bulk bin at the Town Refuse Garden. When questioned, your son stated freely that not all of the material was from a Rowe residence. He did state that, "some of it is from my father's house". Upon examination of the material, some items were found to be from both North Adams and Charlemont.

It was made very clear to young Mr. Cascone that this is a clear violation of Board of Health regulations, and that you, as the cardholder are subject to a fine and revocation of your dump card. Regulations established by Board of Health vote October 1986 state:

1. "Refuse Garden is for TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY."

2. "Evidence of improper use of a card or the dumping facilities will result in revocation of the card and a fine of $50.00."

Perhaps you were uninformed as to these restrictions, although they were published in full in the Goal Post. We trust that now that you are aware of these regulations, we can rely on your full cooperation.

Disposal of waste material continues to be a costly issue for every municipality. Even with Rowe's tax base, the Board does not feel that Rowe residents wish to bear the cost of hauling and dumping trash from other towns. It is hoped that with the cooperation and understanding of all Town residents, we can continue to deal with this problem in a manner that is economically prudent for Rowe taxpayers.

Sincerely,

James E. O'Brien

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cc: H. Dandeneau
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