Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 1992

Present: James O'Brien, Leonard Laffond, Melissa Quinn
Absent: Ellen Foberg

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Laffond reported that James Lively (Stone Hill Road) has made a complaint regarding the Canada geese which occasionally land at the Rowe School playground. Their droppings make the playground area unpleasant and unhealthy. The Board took the matter under advisement.

The Board conducted a septic system inspection on June 10th at the Paul Vernes property on Potter Road. The septic system had failed and the well was contaminated. After consulting with Bill Enser, (Berkshire EnviroLabs), the Board advised the tenant (Oral Jackson) that the water was not fit for drinking or cooking; however, it was considered safe for bathing. A trench was dug away from the system to relieve pressure. The property owner was advised to chlorinate the well, raise the well casing above ground level and add a vent. A successful percolation test was conducted on June 16, 1992 and was observed by the owner, all three members of the Board of Health, John Brickett, and engineer Douglas McLeay. Mr. McLeay will design a septic system which will be installed as soon as possible. The Board notified abutting property owners and advised them to test their well water for potability. (Kits are available at the Town Hall, and the Board agreed to bear the costs of the basic tests.) Results for two tests (Boutwell and Pruitt) were received and are within acceptable levels. Other wells (Bennett, Taylor, Reynolds-Gallaghar and Dennis May) have yet to be tested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Leonard J. Laffond

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