Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 1993

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Also present was William Foster.

Mr. Foster related his concern relative to a small stream which flows from a stone wall abutting the Lehr property above his home. He stated that the water has strong odor and he is concerned that this water is contaminated. It was noted that the Board had the water tested last fall, and coliform levels were quite high at that time. Dye has been placed in the Lehr septic system on two occasions, but has never turned up in the stream. The Board has obtained more dye, and they will perform another dye test on September 9th, placing the dye directly in the septic tank. Additional water tests will also be done. There is a possibility that the contamination is from the goose pond on the Lehr property. The Board assured Mr. Foster that they would make every effort to determine the source of the contamination.

The Rebecca Bradley plans for renovations relative to a Bed and Breakfast establishment were discussed (Map 2 Lot 12). There is conflicting information regarding the number of rooms and the type and amount of cooking intended. It was noted that the Planning Board permit is for three rooms only. Mr. Foster (Building Inspector) was directed to monitor the operation carefully to be sure all was in compliance with existing permits and regulations.

Another question was raised with Mr. Foster regarding the former Hale house now owned by the Rowe Camp and Conference Center, now called the "Brooks House" (Map 3 Lot 13). It was noted that the Department of Public Health does not feel that the house is fit for occupation. Mr. Foster has issued a certificate of occupancy for up to 12 persons. The Board checked the file on the existing septic system and Chairman Foberg will look into Title V regulations regarding tank capacity as related to occupancy limits.

Mrs. Quinn was directed to draft a letter to Doug Wilson, Executive Director of the Rowe Camp and Conference Center to see if he still desires a public hearing on Department of Public Health requirements as outlined in their inspection report. (see file)

It was voted to enter into the "Tobacco Free City" project and have funds applied to a Greenfield based drop-off center. (see file)

The Chairman reported that a notice of non-compliance was received from DEP regarding the Rowe Transfer Station (as is reported in minutes of August 24). The Chairman will research some background on the transfer station to determine what needs to be done to fulfill requirements specified therein.

It was reported that a new test hole was dug on the Genesi property on Pond Road (Map 2 Lot 19). One of the original test holes was dug in the wrong location, and the new hole was dug to correct this error. Chairman Foberg, Engineer Doug MacLeay, James Taylor and James Williams were in attendance. (see file)

It was voted to approve plans as submitted for the Bradley septic system. (see file, Map 2 Lot 12)

A notice was received from the Franklin County Solid Waste District Committee stating that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day will be held either October 30 or November 6 from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. Rowe's collection site will be at Buckland/Shelburne Regional School.

New regulations regarding the application of indoor pesticides were received from the Department of Public Health. A copy was sent to Rowe School and a copy is in Board of Health files.

Also on file are new regulations for childhood immunizations relative to day-care centers and pre-schoolers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

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