Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 1993

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. William Foster (Zoar Road) was also present.

Chairman Foberg reported on the tests and inspections performed an the Lehr property on Zoar Road relative to a complaint from Mr. Foster over possible contamination of ground water. She has spoken to Mr. Foster to report the latest findings to him. Dye has been placed directly in the Lehr septic tank and in the outlet for the goose pond but no dye whatsoever has shown up in the small water flow coming from the direction of the Lehr property at the stone wall. Water tests have been done on the water source feeding the goose pond and the pond itself. A large quantity of salt (two pounds) was placed in the goose pond and the water coming from the wall was tested, with no definitive results. It is apparent that the Lehr septic system appears to be functioning properly and any contamination is not coming from that source. Bill Enser of Berkshire Enviro-Labs, Inc. feels that the water test results point to either animal waste or natural decomposition of vegetable matter as the source of the elevated coliform levels. There is evidence of this in the orange colored matter in the water flow. At this point, he does not feel that the levels evident in the tests present a health hazard. Mr. Enser will be in town on Thursday, October 7 at noon at which time he will do a site inspection of the area in question. The Chairman invited the other Board members to attend the inspection.

It was voted to issue a septic pumpers/haulers license to C.J.D. Gray, d/b/a A-1 Sanitary Service of Bernardston, Massachusetts. A check for $25.00 was received. The license will expire December 31, 1993.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the New England Power Company facility at Bear Swamp has a tight tank, which is pumped frequently during period of heavy usage. Mrs. Quinn was directed to send a letter to Joseph Palladino, Superintendent of Upper Deerfield, New England Power Company, asking for the name and address of the pumper so that the Board may contact him to inform him that he needs to obtain a license to pump and haul septage in Rowe.

An application and a check for $10.00 were received from the Rowe Camp/Conference Center for a food service license. The farm house kitchen must be inspected prior to the issuance of a permit. The Chairman will contact John Brickett to arrange a time and date for that inspection.

A reply was received from Karen Michalski of the Department of Environmental Protection stating that the Board must go through the full permitting procedure for the transfer station. (see file and minutes of August 24) The Chairman has contacted Dufresne-Henry Engineer Robert Mellstrom relative to charges to have his firm complete the application. She was informed that the total would run close to $6000. The Chairman contacted Ms. Michalski to arrange a meeting with DEP to discuss this whole process.

It was voted to approve the initial plan as submitted by MacLeay Associates, Inc. of Shelburne Falls for the installation of a sanitary sewage tight tank at the James and Marion Daneker property on Potter Road (map 11 Lot 78). This approval is given for use as a "hunting cabin" with the understanding that this is not a permanent, full time dwelling - it is for seasonal use only. As per the Department of Environmental Protection tight tank policy, "Approval will be limited to the existing use and any change of use or ownership will require a new approval but may not require new plans."

It was the consensus to place an article in the October *Goal Post* reminding residents that existing septic systems may be repaired at any time during the year--not just during the percolation test season of March, April and May. [Percolation tests for "new construction" can only be conducted during March, April and May.] However, residents must contact the Board of Health prior to having ANY work done on a system.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

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