Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 1993

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M.

It was the consensus to ask the EMT Coordinator, Fire and Police Chiefs to attend the next meeting on November 2, 1993 to discuss policies and procedures relative to preventing the exposure of emergency personnel to blood in medical emergencies.

In making arrangements for the annual flu vaccine, it was discovered that former town nurse Dianne Rode took 50 (of a total of 80) doses of flu vaccine that had been ordered by the Administrative Assistant for Rowe on June 25, 1993, from the Department of Public Health office in Amherst. Ms. Rode told Marilyn Brown, who was in charge, that "Rowe doesn't need that much vaccine", and was issued (at her request) 50 of Rowe's 80 doses along with 52 doses for the Town of Heath (for a total of 102 doses for the Town of Heath). Ms. Rode then called Ellie Silva (School Nurse) and informed her that, "Rowe only has 30 doses of vaccine and that won't be enough. You're going to run out". Ms. Silva called Ms. Quinn, who in turn called Ms. Brown (DPH) and was told what had happened. When Ms. Quinn reminded Ms. Brown that the 80 original doses had been ordered specifically for the Town of Rowe, and informed her that in 1992 (while she was still Town Nurse for both Rowe and Heath) Ms. Rode had administered 67 doses to Rowe residents and 43 doses to Heath residents, Ms. Brown rearranged dispersal of the vaccine and Rowe did receive the 80 doses as ordered. Selectmen Chairman Leonard Laffond picked up the vaccine on October 14th, and informed the Department of Public Health that Ms. Rode is no longer associated to the Town of Rowe in any way and is to be given no information about or supplies for Rowe.

The Board met with Jack Spanbauer (Dufresne-Henry) at the Transfer Station on October 19. After inspecting the site, Mr. Spanbauer agreed to prepare a site plan for the Transfer Station to be included in the existing facility permit application (EFPA-BWP SW 04) as required by the Department of Environmental Protection. This application must be filed by December 6, 1993. Mr. Laffond went to the DEP office in Springfield and met with Mark Schleeweis and Karen Michalski regarding this application. William Allen (County Engineer) has agreed to assist in filling out the forms.

Chairman Foberg has contacted Charles Rudnick (Department of Public Health) in regards to variances requested by Rowe Camp and Conference Center to regulations related to a license to operate a Recreational Camp for Children (aquatic director, storage of craft supplies). He will research the variances in question and report his findings to the Chairman.

Chairman Foberg reported that Bill Enser (Berkshire Enviro-Labs) called her with water test results for a sample taken by Mr. Enser at the small brook on the William Foster property (Zoar Road) on October 7, 1993. Test results show no septage contamination, as has been the case in all of the numerous tests performed in the past year. Mrs. Quinn was directed to send a letter to Mr. Foster advising him of the latest results and informing him that as far as the Board of Health is concerned, the matter is closed.

It was noted that William Boyd has requested an extension for a disposal works construction permit for property on Stone Road (Map 11, Lot 122). The permit will expire in March of 1994. New Title V regulations require setbacks for septic systems from certain streams to be 150 feet. Mrs. Quinn was directed to obtain a copy of the "Inventory of Massachusetts Rivers and Streams" from the Department of Fish and Game to determine if the stream on the property in question is one of those on the inventory.

A new 1000 gallon tank has been installed on the property of Karl Jurentkuff on Pine Hill Drive (Map 1, Lot 29). John Brickett made the final inspection and the completed permit is on file.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

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