

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 1994

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

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

Chairman Foberg reported that she had contacted Wendy Foxmyn in the office of Town Council relative to the legal implications of a Board of Health regulation prohibiting feeding wild geese on certain town property. This is to attempt to discourage them from nesting in these areas and causing a health hazard with their droppings. After a discussion, it was voted unanimously to ask Ms. Foxmyn to prepare draft regulations to prohibit feeding the geese on the village green, at the beach area at Pelham Lake and on Rowe School property.

CORRESPONDENCE

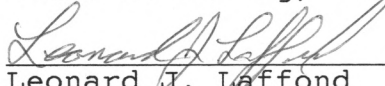
- . Information was received relative to a grant program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection to provide 40% matching grants to homeowners who agree to upgrade their septic system to meet Title V requirements. (see attached)
- . Notice was received from the Department of Public Health relative to the illegal sale of over-the-counter drugs and baby foods at flea markets. (see file)
- . Also received from the DPH were new Water Quality Standards for bottled water and carbonated nonalcoholic beverages. (see file)
- . Reporting guidelines for Hepatitis C were received from the DPH, Division of Epidemiology. (see file)

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

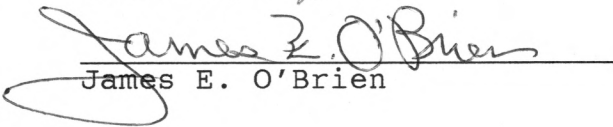
Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman



Leonard J. Laffond



James E. O'Brien

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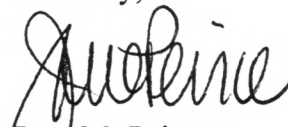
April 27, 1994

Dear Ms. Foberg:

The Franklin County Commission and the Deerfield River Compact have jointly applied for funding that would provide a 40% matching grant for homeowners in the Deerfield River Basin who agree to upgrade their cesspools or substandard septic systems to meet Title 5 requirements. The source of the funds would be the 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution program which is administered by DEP. The program would prioritize problem systems identified by the local Boards of Health and would work closely with each Board to see that appropriate remediation is installed and maintained, including the use of innovative and alternative technologies as needed. I have attached a section of the proposal which provides a more detailed description of the project. Since the proposal was submitted, several banks in the area have expressed an interest in working with us to establish a low-interest loan program for the balance of the homeowner cost.

I am writing to let you know about the proposal and to ask for your support and suggestions. **A letter from your Board in this regard along with a general estimate of how many participants you think there might be in your community will greatly enhance our chances of obtaining the funding.** Please feel free to call me if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,



Jane M. Peirce
Natural Resource Planner