Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 31, 1994

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Also present was Robert Davidson who came in to discuss his plans to sell raw milk from his home on Potter Road. The Board noted that this activity is not regulated by the local board. Mr. Davidson will bring in updated regulations to a meeting and the matter will be considered at that time.

Chairman Foberg called Building Inspector William Foster to ask him to drop off plans at the Town Hall for the renovation of the Brook House so that she can look them over and discuss the matter with Health Agent John Brickett.

In receipt of a check for $25.00, it was voted unanimously to issue a permit to pump/haul septage to A-1 Sanitary Service of Bernardston.

The yearly operation plan showing areas designated for herbicide spraying for Boston & Maine Railroad was received for file.

Regulations for bottled water and non-carbonated beverages were received from the Department of Food & Drugs for file.

The new assessment for the Town Hall as a public water supplier required by the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Supply was discussed. The Town will be required to pay a minimum of $35.00 (for FY 1995) or $ .008 per thousand gallons of metered water (or $8.00 per million gallons). The possibility of installing a meter was discussed. This will be looked into and considered at a later time.

There was a discussion of the possibility of no longer accepting commercial and industrial waste materials and recyclables at the Refuse Garden as a cost cutting measure. Chairman Foberg will contact Town Counsel to discuss the legal aspects of this proposal.

A regulation to prohibit feeding the geese on Town property was discussed. The increasing numbers of geese on the Town Green, at Pelham Lake beach and at the Rowe School playground have created a health and sanitation problem. Feeding the geese only encourages more of them to stay and nest in the area. They devoured flowers purchased and planted by the Beautification Committee last summer. Goose droppings have rendered the green and gazebo virtually unusable the last two years and have likewise created an unsanitary situation on two occasions at the playground at Rowe School. Park workers have to constantly chase the geese away from the beach area at Pelham Lake. The Board will meet in two weeks, June 15, 1994 to act on adopting such a regulation. Notice of the meeting will be posted, as required by law.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

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