Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 1998

Present: James Brown, Leonard Laffond, Ellen Foberg, Melissa Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM.

Chairman Brown noted that all town residents received information from the Franklin County Solid Waste District with information on the new drop-off sites for certain hazardous waste materials (paint products, oil filters, waste oil, etc.).

Information was received for file regarding lead poisoning prevention from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

A Title 5 inspection report was received for the Wasko property (Map 3, Lot 57). The system failed the inspection conducted on June 25 by Mike Beausoleil, and a new leach system must be installed.

A percolation test was conducted on July 31 at the Wasko property by Bob Leet. Jim Brown, Lenny Laffond, Ellen Foberg and Sharon White observed. The test was successful with a percolation rate of 1" in 55 minutes. A new leach field will be installed.

A percolation test was conducted on July 31 at the Petersen property (Map 3, Lot 44) by Bob Leet. Jim Brown, Lenny Laffond, Ellen Foberg and Sharon White observed. The test was successful with a percolation rate of 1" in 8 minutes. A new leach field with a pumped system will be installed.

The Board signed a new form for a new septic system at the MaryJo Phelps property (Map 11, Lot 37) for a permit previously approved. (5/96) The existing permit form did not have a tear-off construction permit.

A report for an inspection at the Rowe Camp and Conference Center conducted by Sharon White on July 2 was received for file.

A new contract was approved and signed for the services of Sharon White as Health Agent. (See file.)

Water test results (sodium and bacterial) were received for the Rowe School, Town Hall, Avery Fountain and Pelham Lake beach. All results were within allowed parameters.

A well log was received for the Glenn White property (Map 11, Lot 4). The log showed that they drilled 285' to bedrock and the water flow was 5 gallons per minute.

Public water suppliers certifications were received from DEP, Division of Water Supply for the Town Hall well and the Avery Fountain. (See file.)

Chairman Brown reported on an incident that took place on July 30 at the Petersen property at 252 Zoar Road. A percolation test was being conducted by engineer Mike Lavigne with Jim Lenny, Ellen and Sharon White in attendance and Jim Williams, backhoe operator. Digging was difficult due to a large number of rocks. When Mr. Lavigne started digging the test hole, he got to 12" and asked Sharon White if that was enough. (Title 5 requires an 18" deep test hole.) Sharon denied his request to test at 12", and stated that the full 18" were required. Mr. Lavigne then became very angry and verbally abusive, using extremely obscene language toward Sharon. He then picked up his equipment and left the scene with an incomplete test. (A second test was scheduled at the Wasko property following the Petersen test.) Jim feels the Board, Sharon and owner are all owed an apology for Mr. Lavigne's rude and unprofessional behavior. Lenny suggested that the Bord bill him for Sharon's services. Ellen thinks the agency that issues his license should be notified, but Jim & Lenny disagreed. Ms. Quinn was directed to draft a letter to Mr. Lavigne advising him to apologize to those involved and show it to the Board for their approval prior to mailing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

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James D. Brown, Chairman

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