Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 1998

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM. Also present was Ruth Loomis.

Ruth asked about the status of the Town Nurse position. Jim gave the Board copies of a draft job description and a sample ad. They went over the job description line by line. Jim talked to Louis Murray, Sales Representative at MIIA, regarding insurance for the nurse. She is covered under the current policy as far as liability is concerned. Jim wanted to start with 20 hours per week, Lenny and Ellen thought 16 was preferable. It was noted that it is always easy to increase hours, but very difficult to reduce them. Ellen wants the Public Health nurse in Northampton to look the job description over. She feels that the nurse is to provide medical care, and home visits should be medically required (to take blood pressure, change dressings, attend an illness) at the nurse's discretion. Ms. Quinn was directed to re-work the job description wording. It will then be sent to Town Counsel for his opinion.

A well log was received for a new well at the Peter Besgen property on Hazelton Road (Map 13, Lot 36). It is 125 feet deep with a flow of 15 gallons per minute.

A well log was received for a new well at the Greg Girard property on Pelham Lake Drive (Map 2, Lot 40). It is 265 feet deep with a flow of 12 gallons per minute.

It was reported that the final system inspection was done at the Phelps property (engineer Doug McLeay) on Leshure Road (Map 11, Lot 37) and everything was satisfactory.

Soil suitability test and percolation test results were received from engineer Bob Leet for the Brines property on Potter Road (Map 11, Lot 1). (See file.)

Also received from Mr. Leet were percolation test results for the Wasko property off County Road (Map 3, Lot 57) and the Petersen property on Zoar Road (Map 3, Lot 44). Plans and an application were received for the Petersen property. The Petersen plans and the Brines plans will be sent to Health Agent Sharon White for her recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

James D. Brown, Chairman

Ellen Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg

Leonard J. Laffond