Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 1999

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. Also present was Ruth Loomis, NP.

Mrs. Loomis reported that she would like to upgrade the computer in her office to enable her to keep records, handle correspondence and other administrative work. It was noted that the Board intends to purchase a new computer for the accounting officer in FY 2000 (July 1999) and the computer being replaced would be ideal for the use of Mrs. Loomis.

Mrs. Loomis would like to change her schedule to the following:

	Office Hours	House Calls
Monday	8 AM to 2 PM	2 PM to 4 PM
Wednesday	8 AM to 12 AM	
Thursday	8 AM to 11 AM (Office hours/house calls)	

The Board reviewed the Nurse Practitioner guidelines that have been approved by Town Counsel. They are to be signed by both Mrs. Loomis and Dr. Miller and will be kept on file by the Board of Health. There was a motion made and seconded to offer to townspeople the expanded services legally permissible under Ruth Loomis's advanced nursing degree which will greatly enhance the medical services available to Rowe residents. Mrs. Loomis was given permission to order the medications needed to establish the small "formulary" as discussed in the meeting of January 20, 1999.

Carol Lively was re-appointed as Animal Inspector, effective March 1, 1999.

In receipt of a check for $25.00, it was voted to grant a permit to install septic systems to James Williams of Middletown Hill Road in Rowe. The permit is effective immediately and expires December 31, 1999.

In receipt of a check for $25.00, it was voted to grant a permit to pump and haul septage to Bostley Sanitary Services in Colrain. The permit is effective immediately and expires December 31, 1999.

The Board voted to grant two requests for variances for the Petersen septic system on Zoar Road (Map 3, Lot 44) as per engineer Robert Leet's letter of November 5, as follows:

a. Petersen septic system at 252 Zoar Road, Map 3, Lot 44, a. variance granted re: Board of Health regulation requiring 75 foot setback from property boundary line, and,

b. variance granted to allow three (3) feet of separation between the estimated seasonal high water table and the bottom of the leach trench, as provided for in 310 CMR 15.405 (1) (i).

It was voted to approve the application for installation of a septic system at the above property, with the two variances. Ms. Petersen has until December 19, 1999 to install the system.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

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James D. Brown, Chairman

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