Board of Health
June 8, 1999
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ellen Foberg, Leonard Laffond, Mary Jo Phelps, Melissa Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 PM.

Chairman Foberg reported that she, Mr. Laffond and Health Agent Sharon White conducted an inspection at 452 Tunnel Road (Map 13, Lot 20) on June 8, 1999, with the permission of Donna Weber, who rents the property. A dye test of the septic system revealed that the septage from the pipe leading from the dwelling flows out onto the ground on the east side of Tunnel Road due to the apparent absence of any leach field. In addition, while inspecting the septic system, other violations of the public health code relative to a barn on the property were unavoidably conspicuous . Ms. White will send a correction notice to the property owner citing all the violations, and a copy of that notice will be sent to the Board for filing.

A water test result for the Williams property at 25 Middletown Hill Road (Map 2, Lot 61) was received from Berkshire Enviro-Lab. The test was conducted May 4 and everything was satisfactory.

A pumping log for the Wessman property at 37 Davenport Road (Map 6, Lot 47) was received from Greg's Wastewater of South Deerfield. The 1000 gallon tank was in satisfactory condition.

Another percolation test was attempted at the Brautigam property on Leshures Road (Map 11, Lot 97) on May 28, 1999. The test was unsuccessful as water rose in the test hole. Almer Huntley conducted the test, observed by Agent White, Foberg and Laffond.

A percolation test was attempted at the German property on Davenport Road (Map 6, Lot 46) on two different days. The first time, May 27, the engineer did not show up. The second time on May 28, the site failed the soils evaluation, and no test was performed.

Mr. Laffond inspected the new distribution box installation at the Frederick Williams property (Map 2, Lot 61) on May 27 and found everything to be in order.

In receipt of $25.00, it was voted to grant a license to install septic systems to Barkus Excavating of Readsboro, VT, effective immediately.

The Board signed off on a building permit application for Thom Chiofalo of Potter Road (Map 11, Lot 75) with two conditions. (See file.)

It was the consensus to ask Building Inspector Bill Foster to come to a meeting to discuss issuance of building permits in regards to Title 5 regulations. It was noted that there have been many instances when Bill has granted a permit without affording the Board an opportunity to ascertain if the proposed work complied with Title 5 regulations. Bill has been asked to submit permit applications to the Board previously, but he continues to ignore their request.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

Leonard J. Laffond

Mary Jo Phelps