Board of Health
July 20, 1999
Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM.

Also present were Building Inspector Bill Foster and John & Roberta Graziano.

The Board looked at a building permit application and plans for an addition to the Graziano's dwelling at 60 Pond Road (Map 2, Lot 20) to determine if the plans met the requirements of Title 5 regulations in regard to their new septic system. The new system is designed for a maximum of three bedrooms, and while their plans stated three bedrooms, they want to add a room that they call a "study". All the information received from the Department of Environmental Protection has been that any room (other than a living room, dining room, kitchen, hall or bath) must be considered a potential bedroom, providing it meets certain other criteria (such as overall size, ventilation, electric, etc.) Chairman Foberg noted that this is not the first time the Board has dealt with this question. Bill Foster said that the Board had no right to assume that the "study" would be used as a bedroom. He was loud, rude and argumentative toward the Board and Chairman Foberg in particular. Chairman Foberg reminded him that the Title 5 regulations were under their authority, not his, and tried to explain to him that the reasoning behind the regulation was to try to ensure that the septic system would handle the number of bedrooms that could potentially be used in the building, not just what use the current owners planned for it at the present time. Mr. Foster would not listen to Chairman Foberg, but persisted in telling her that she was wrong and said that she was calling the owners liars. In an effort to mitigate an unpleasant situation, Chairman Foberg said that she would call DEP to discuss the matter with them and gave Bill the number so that he could also call. Chairman Foberg promised the Graziano's that they would be informed of the outcome of the discussion as soon as possible, and they left the meeting.

Chairman Foberg asked Mr. Foster once again to submit building permits to the Board of Health so that they could make certain that Title 5 regulations were met, as well as being sure that no decks, porches, barns, garages, sheds, additions or what-have-you were being built over septic system components. Bill said that it "wasn't his worry", and stated that he would submit permit applications to the Board so they could sign off on them before he issued them.

It was noted that a FAX was received from Georgia O'Brien stating that they were having a Title 5 inspection conducted by Greg's Wastewater of South Deerfield at their home (Map 8, Lot 30) at 8 AM on August 16, and a second one at the Corarito property (Map 4, Lot 26) on the same day. Chairman Foberg said that even though this is not how these inspections are normally scheduled, the Board would make accommodations. Mary Jo promised that she would be available to attend the inspection at the O'Briens.

Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis's quarterly report was submitted with her hours and a report of patient visits and house calls. (See file.)

In receipt of a check for $25.00, it was the consensus to grant a pumper/hauler license to Casella Waste Systems (formerly A-1 Sanitary of Bernardston, MA).

Water test results (coliform) were received for Rowe School and Avery Fountain. Also VOC test results for Rowe School. Water test results were received for the Graziano property (Pond Road). All reports were from Berkshire Enviro-Lab and all were satisfactory.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Ellen Foberg
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Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

____Absent_____
Leonard J. Laffond

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Mary Jo Phelps