Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 1999

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. Also present were Doug Wilson and Felicity Pickett of Rowe Camp & Conference Center.

Felicity said that she and Doug had come to give the Board an account of the recent water problems experienced by the RC&CC. (The Board was notified by letter from DEP.) When they ran out of water, the RC&CC received permission from DEP for an emergency water supply, and they had 6,000 gallons of water delivered. The water is treated (chlorinated) and tested as required. Testing is done by Bill Enser of Berkshire Enviro-Labs.

In investigating why they ran out of water, they found that the lower well pumps through a flow-meter, which had become plugged. That was flushed out and the flow was re-established. They then found a cracked valve in the upper well which caused a loss of water as well as creating air pockets in the water lines. Repairs have been made, and the well is refilling. They plan to lay new water lines behind the Rec Hall as follows: a. from the well to the Rec Hall, b. from the well to the cistern, and c. from the cistern to the Rec Hall. Repairs will begin in the next few weeks.

The second issue discussed was the status and condition of the various septic systems on the property, current usage (seasonal as well as year-round) and expansion plans. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Foberg recommended that the RC&CC do a complete assessment of all facilities (including septic systems, wells, buildings, etc.) and have the findings of the assessment on paper, with each component located, complete with distances and measurements markedand a detail of their proposed expansion plans. This will greatly aid in making determinations as to current status of system components, as well as be a valuable tool in planning for future expansion. It was the consensus that this would be a big help to both the RC&CC as well as the Board of Health, and might save the Camp some money by looking at the overall complex rather than a building by building piecemeal plan.

Chairman Foberg reported that she had done a site inspection of the Anthony property on Potter Road (Map 12, Lot 86) relative to a building permit application. Although is was noted that the septic system was originally designed (1978) for a two bedroom house, and there are currently three bedrooms in use, it was the consensus that since the system appears to be working satisfactorily, a Title 5 inspection will not be required at the present time. The building permit application was for the addition of a "great room", not an additional bedroom, and the new construction is not located in the same area as the present septic system. The Chairman signed the building permits indicating approval by the Board.

The Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract for the services of Health Agent Sharon White for FY 2000. There are 87.5 hours allotted to the Town at $40.00 per hour.

The Chairman noted that the Gfroerer property has been condemned as unfit for human habitation, and signs have been posted. (The house is presently unoccupied.) A "No Occupancy Agreement" was sent to the owner, but to date it has not been returned. The Building Inspector has been charged with the responsibility of following up on code violations in a barn on the same property.

Title 5 inspection reports were received for file for Corarito, O'Brien, Jette, Jurentkuff and Donelson/Harris. (See minutes of August 17.)

The Board received a report from Whetstone Engineering for the Brines property on Potter Road. The system has been installed in compliance with Title 5 requirements. Chairman Foberg and Mr. Laffond also inspected the installation, and found everything to be in order.

A well log was received for a new well at the Reardon property on Cyrus Stage Road (Map 11, Lot 49). The well is 400 feet deep with a 1.5 gallon per minute flow.

Chairman Foberg received a request from Myra Bennett Carlow for a two month extension (to November 9, 1999) for the completion of a new septic system at her property on Ford Hill Road (Map 12, Lot 91) It was voted unanimously to grant the extension.

A Title 5 inspection was conducted on Friday, September 10 at the Essert property off Hazelton Road (Map 13, Lot 13) by Ron Lavigne. Two new "low-boy" leaching chambers will have to be installed as the present leach field is too close to the well. The property owner must also have the well water tested. It was noted that he has picked up water test kits from the town office.

A percolation test was performed at the Atwood property on Pond Road (Map 2, Lot 17) on September 1. The property does not currently have a Title 5 compliant system. The test was successful with 3 minutes to the inch. A report was received from the engineer for file.

An application to install a new distribution box was received from Herb Autio (Map 4, Lot 13). It was voted unanimously to approve the application.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Ellen L. Foberg

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

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