Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2000

Present: Ellen L. Foberg, Leonard J. Laffond, Mary Jo Phelps and Melissa S. Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 PM. Also present were Lisa and Dan Burke and Bill Foster.

Mr. Laffond asked Mr. Foster what he thought should be done if the storage shed on the Jette property on Old Cyrus Stage Road is being inhabited as a dwelling. Mr. Foster was not aware of this, and Mr. Laffond said that the Board was informed that this might be the case. Mr. Foster said that it would not be legal, as the structure is classified as a shed, does not have any septic system, and cannot be used for human habitation . He will check into it and let Chairman Foberg know so that the Board can take whatever steps are deemed necessary.

In another matter, there was a question relative to the construction of a new building on the Shantigar property on Davenport Road in the same location as the former barn that was destroyed by fire in late January. Bill said that according to the building code, if the new building can use the existing foundation, it is permissible even if it does not meet current set-back requirements. When asked if the original foundation is still sound after the fire, he said that he did not know.

Lisa and Dan Burke submitted a disposal works construction permit application for their property on Tunnel Road (Map 8, Lot 2), and two sets of plans. The Board reviewed the plans, everything appeared to be in order and it was the consensus to approve the application.

Three percolation tests are tentatively scheduled for May 19th beginning at 8:30 AM. Mark Thompson of Hatfield (247-5464) is the engineer. They are for the following:

James Johnson	Cyrus Stage Road	Map 11, Lot 118
James Kennedy	Stone Hill Road	Map 11, Lot 11
Anita Cornish	Dell Road	Map 6, Lot 43-44

Ms. Quinn will contact Health Agent Sharon White to confirm the date and time. All the Board members indicated that they would be available.

In receipt of a check in the amount of $25.00, it was the unanimous consensus to grant a septic pumper/hauler license to Bostley Sanitary Service of Colrain, MA.

It was reported that Tensing Parsons called the office to ask what requirements would be for the use of portable toilets at the Shantigar property during 7 workshops scheduled for this summer. They are planning to erect a platform and a tent in which to hold the

workshops, and to rent two toilets. Ms. Quinn was directed to contact Health Agent Sharon White to determine if there are any specific requirements for this type of use.

It was noted that an inspection is scheduled at Rowe Camp & Conference Center for Friday, May 26. Chairman Foberg may not be able to attend due to other commitments, and Mr. Laffond and Mrs. Phelps will both attend the inspection.

The Board received a letter from DEP relative to paint chips containing PCB's on the Yankee Atomic Electric Company site in Rowe. (See file.)

A letter was received from the MDPH asking if the Board was interested in a course on use of a certain pesticide to control mosquitoes. There is some concern because of outbreaks of West Nile Virus Encephalitis in neighboring states. To date, there have been no cases in Massachusetts, and the Board felt it was not necessary to send anyone to the course at this time.

Notification was received from DEP that they have removed Lawrence Lopes of Taunton from their list of approved Septic System Inspectors and his certification has been revoked, due to violations of regulations.

New regulations for bathing beaches (which will be effective next year) were received from DEP for file.

Pumping logs were received from Houghton Sanitary Service for systems owned by Charlene Hervieux (Ford Hill Road) and William Foster (Zoar Road). Both reportedly have 1000 gallon concrete tanks in "good" condition.

A notice was received from Health Agent Sharon White stating that a re-inspection will be conducted at the Rowe School on August 30, 2000.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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