Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2000

Present: Mary Jo Phelps, Ellen L. Foberg, Geoffrey Bagley and Melissa S. Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Newly appointed Chairman Phelps noted that there are four applications for temporary food establishment licenses for Old Home Day. It was voted unanimously to grant all four licenses, effective July 15 through July 17. They are for the Rowe Community Church, the Readsboro Lions Club, the Colrain Lions Club, and the Hager Family Farm. Fees were waived.

Results of three scheduled percolation test for Monday, May 22 were as follows:

James Johnson Cyrus Stage Road Map 11, Lot 118
No test performed, owner needs to flag property and re-schedule test prior to May 31st.

James Kennedy Stone Hill Road Map 11, Lot 11
No test performed, brook through center of property, too much wetland.

Anita Cornish Dell Road Map 6, Lot 43-44
Failed, same results as 14 years ago, 2' of topsoil over clay. Owner may clear another area and re-test.

It was noted that a test is scheduled for the Veber property on Middletown Hill Road for Wednesday, May 24th at 8:30 AM. There is also an inspection scheduled at Rowe Camp & Conference Center on Friday, May 26th at 10 AM.

Building Inspector Bill Foster informed Ms. Foberg of his findings in his inquiry into the Jette property. He was told that Mr. Jette and his son were staying in a camper trailer, and not living in the shed. He was also told that they were renting an apartment at the Williams house on Shippee Road and would be moving in there on June 1st.

Ms. Foberg reported that she had spoken to Gordon Bailey, State Building Inspector from Pittsfield regarding the Shantigar property. She was told that construction on the site of the barn that was destroyed by fire in late January would need to be assessed to see if a building could be re-constructed on the same site. Adding living quarters to the structure would mean a change of use, and the structure would have to meet all the criteria (set-backs, etc.) as any other new construction. In addition, the septic system must be adequate for whatever building and use are proposed for that site; otherwise a new system may need to be designed.

A septic pumping log was received for the Posever property from Houghton Sanitary Service. It was reported that the tank is a concrete 1,000-gallon tank in good condition.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Mary Jo Phelps

Ellen L. Foberg

Geoffrey Bagley