Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2000

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

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

Also present was Bill Foster.

In receipt of a check for $25.00, it was voted to grant a license to repair/install septic systems to Barkus Excavating of Readsboro, VT. The license expires December 31, 2000.

Chairman Phelps noted that she had received an Application for a Disposal Works Construction Permit from Russell Jolly and Susan Wood for property owned by Robert Fagnoni on Stone Road. (Map 11, Lots 9 and 92). She noted that the Board had discussed this matter with Mr. Jolly at the last meeting (8/15/00), but apparently Mr. Jolly does not understand the matter. Ms. Quinn was directed to compose a letter to the property owner and Mr. Jolly to clarify the matter. A partial percolation test performed in November of 1996 was not a valid test according to DEP's Title 5 regulations because only one percolation test hole was done and logged. Two are required. In addition, the person conducting the test was not either a registered sanitarian or a professional engineer, as required by local by-law. Also, to the Board's knowledge, there has been no property transfer, and prior to doing any tests on the property, the Board must have the written permission of the owner. (See attached.)

Building Inspector Bill Foster reported to the Board that he had contacted Town Counsel Craig Barry relative to the condemned barn on the Gfroerer property on Tunnel Road. He has been unable to elicit a response from Mr. Gfroerer, the structure has been deemed unsafe and must be either repaired or demolished. Attorney Barry referred Mr. Foster to Attorney Donna MacNicol. Ms. MacNicol is preparing the necessary paperwork, which will be sent to a sheriff in Virginia for hand delivery.

There was a brief discussion relative to the Shantigar project. The Board received a letter two weeks ago from residents in the area of the project in which they expressed concerns relative to increased traffic, environmental impact, public gatherings, etc. The Board asked Mr. Foster if the new structure could legally be built in the same location as the barn, which was destroyed by fire in January. He was unable to answer, and said that he doesn't know all the specifics as yet.

Chairman Phelps noted that Town Nurse Ruth Loomis has expressed her concern that there is no mosquito trapping or testing for the West Nile Virus in western Franklin County. A dead bird was found in Hadley that tested positive for the disease. She also found that there is no spraying available in the area. Chairman Phelps would like the

Highway Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to attend the next pesticide program sometime in December.

A joint meeting of the Board of Health and the Park Department will be scheduled sometime in September to discuss water-testing policies for the beach.

A re-inspection of the Petersen septic system (leach trenches) is scheduled for September 15 at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Phelps noted that a new system is being designed for the Carlow system (Map 12, Lot 91) on Ford Hill Road. The old design was not done by a registered sanitarian or a professional engineer, and would have placed the leach area in the town right of way. Jim Williams is the contact person for the Carlows.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Mary Jo Phelps

Absent
Ellen L. Foberg

Geoffrey N. Bagley