Town of Rowe
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2000

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM.

Percolation test results were received from Peter Franz for a test conducted at the Petersen property at 252 Zoar Road (Map 3, Lot 44) on November 17th. The test was successful with 7.3 minutes to the inch. The Board also received an application for a disposal works construction permit for the same lot for a repair to the existing system. The new system is less than 75 feet from property lines and only about 70 feet from the present well, but no requests for variances were included with the application. Ms. Quinn was directed to call the engineer, Peter Franz to inform him that these variances must be requested in writing before the Board can take any action on the application. It was the consensus that if the written variance requests are received and are in order, the Board will act on the application immediately instead of waiting for the next meeting in two weeks.

Ms. Foberg reported that the well at the Yankee Atomic Electric Company site in Rowe was found to have elevated coliform levels and use of the water for drinking purposes was suspended until the cause could be found and corrected. It was discovered that someone had connected a hose to a spigot without a backflow device and water back-flowed into the well, contaminating it. This was corrected, the water was re-tested and found to be free of contamination, and is being used again.

It was noted that there is still a vacancy on the Planning Board. Mrs. Phelps reported (via Ms. Quinn) that Doug Corarito has expressed an interest in being appointed to the Board. It was the consensus to put a notice in the Goal Post notifying voters that the vacancy still needs to be filled and anyone interested should contact the Planning Board or the Selectmen. It is hoped that an appointment can be made at a joint meeting on December 5th.

A notice of non-compliance was received from DEP regarding floor drains at the town garage. Highway Superintendent Jim Taylor is contacting an engineer to gather information on the process of soil sampling. It was noted that $5,000 has been appropriated for this project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Mary Jo Phelps, Chairman

Ellen L. Foberg

Geoffrey N. Bagley