Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2000

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

In regard to the Petersen application for a disposal works construction permit, it was noted that Peter Franz, PE, has submitted two requests for variances from Board of Health regulations. One variance is to reduce the distance from the system to the well from 100 feet to 71 feet. The second is to reduce set-backs from the sideline and the front line to from 75 feet to 30 feet. It was voted unanimously to grant both variances and issue the construction permit. Due to the lateness of the season, the deadline for completion of installation is June 30, 2001. It was noted that extensions have been granted at least twice for this system, and it is imperative that this system be installed by the deadline.

A septic system pumping log was received from Houghton Sanitary Services for the James Brown property (Map 13, Lot 23) at 530 Tunnel Road. The concrete tank holds 1000 gallons and appeared to be in good condition.

Chairman Phelps reported that she and Sharon White conducted inspections for Food Establishment Permits at the Rowe Conference Center, the Maple House Bed & Breakfast and the Rowe School on November 13th. There were a few minor infractions, but all facilities passed. Chairman Phelps noted that she had asked Mrs. Bradley about an advertisement brought to the Board's attention for lunches and dinners, and Mrs. Bradley stated that she had considered it but had changed her mind. She was informed that her license does not permit any meals other than a full breakfast for 4 guest bedrooms. Mrs. Quinn noted that the license application fee of $25.00 has not been received from the Conference Center or the B&B. Licenses will not be issued until those fees are received.

A call was received from Jim Williams in regard to the installation of a replacement septic system at the Carlow property on Ford Hill Road (Map 12, Lot 91). He said that he was having difficulty obtaining concrete leach galleries and it had been suggested to him that he use plastic tanks instead. The Board approved this change in design. (Mr. Williams said that it was ok with Mickey Spokas, who had designed the system.) The Board stressed that they would like to see the system installed before the end of the year. They have heard that the homeowner is anxious to have the system completed, and the installation deadline had been extended numerous times. Mr. Williams said that he would try to get it done. They reminded him that the deadline for the Petersen system is June 30, 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Mary Jo Phelps, Chairman

Ellen L. Foberg

Geoffrey N. Bagley