Town of Rowe - FY2005
Board of Health
Minutes - July 5, 2004 - 6:00pm

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Audience: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes of the June 24, 2004 meeting were read and accepted as submitted.

Refuse Gardens Improvements: Dick Tower, Refuse Gardens Attendant, has attempted to contact electrician Bob DeLisle concerning lighting repairs but his calls have not been returned. The pipe railing by the demolition dumpster is still broken. Dick Alix will try to repair the railing by re-threading the pipes.

Title 5 Inspection: The Title 5 inspection at the Mary Sibley property (Hazelton Road) on June 15: The septic plan Health Agent Lisa Burke brought to the inspection was for the Ellen Babcock property on Hazelton Road, not for the Sibley property. The Babcock property was once owned by the Sibley family. There is no information in the Board of Health files concerning the Sibley property.

SeptageTanks at Pelham Lake Park: Dick Alix reported that Pelham Lake Park has two 500 gallon septage holding tanks. Park Ranger Sean Loomis informed Dick that A-1 Enterprises of Bernardston pumped the tanks on 6/14/04, but stated they would not pump them again as there was a lot of trash (cups, bottles, etc.,) in the tanks. A-1 did remove all of the septage, but left the trash in the tanks and suggested the Park Dept. remove the trash with a net. They will not pump the tanks again unless they are free of trash. The Park Dept. may go back to using Bostley Sanitary Service. They had used A-1 this year as they were cheaper.

NEW BUSINESS

Old Home Day: Dick Alix received a call from a group in Colrain requesting a Temporary Food Establishment Permit to serve food at Rowe Old Home Day on July 10. Dick informed the Board on the procedure to grant these permits...the Board of Health Clerk types out the permits which the Chairman signs. On Old Home Day the Health Agent inspects the vendor and, if the vendor passes inspection, the Chairman grants the vendor the permit. A copy is kept in the BOH files, along with the original application. The $25 fee is waived for these temporary permits since they are for a town function. Angela Foshay will accompany Health Agent Sharon White on the inspection of the temporary food vendors on Old Home Day. They will meet at 9:00 AM.

Powerline Spraying: The Board received a certified letter from National Grid for New England Power informing the town of up-coming spraying along the power company's rights-of-way. Target species of vegetation will be sprayed with *Accord Concentrate* and *Arsenal Escort* using hand-held equipment. Spraying and additional preparatory work is to be carried out July 4 and September 5, 2004. Follow-up may be necessary September 27 and December 17, 2004. Work will be done by Lewis Tree Service, Inc. of Pittsfield, MA. Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar expressed concern with the company spraying while it is raining. This is in violation of their protocol but she has observed this violation in years past.

Morency property, Old Cyrus Stage Road: The Morency property on Old Cyrus Stage Road is up for sale. The permit for an approved septic plan has expired and a new percolation test may need to be done next year. [Lisa Danek Burke should review paperwork on file to see if percolation test is valid; i.e., meets current Title 5 criteria.] There is an illegal outhouse on the property that needs to be removed and the hole filled in. Dick will ask Ellen to send a letter to the property owners ordering the removal.

Sanitary Survey at Rowe School: A Sanitary Survey by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection was conducted at the Rowe Elementary School on May 29, 2004. The following **violation** was found:

- Floor drains were noted in the boiler room

The following **deficiencies** were found:

- Wellhead has an open vent hole with no vent pipe or screen
- No screen over the discharge hole in the well pit
- Well pit and storage tank are not regularly inspected by the school's operating staff
- Storage tank may not have had an internal inspection within the past 5 years
- School needs to verify that there is a screen on the underground storage tank vent
- Underground fuel oil storage tank interstitial monitoring system has been damaged
- Emergency Plan needs to be updated.

Rowe Camp & Conference Center: The next camp inspection will be on July 14 at 10:00 AM. Angela Foshay and Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar will accompany Health Agent Sharon White. Cabins not inspected on the previous visit will be checked out, the Rec Center kitchen will be inspected. Sharon will determine if violations from previous inspections have been corrected. In addition, Sharon will be reviewing the medical records of incoming children as well as the qualifications of the staff.

Open Meetings: Dick Alix gave Board members a copy of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39 Section 23C: "Regulation of participation by public in open meetings". Dick also informed the Board that Selectperson Sheila Ferguson had contacted the District Attorney's office about the recording (video or audio) of public meetings. Sheila was told that an individual does not have to declare that they are taping an open meeting.

Western MA Public Health Nurse: Laurel Pelis, public nurse for western Massachusetts, would like to attend the August 2 meeting and introduce herself to the Board. Dick Alix will arrange the meeting.

Meeting Schedule: Angela Foshay would like to change the Board's meeting date from the first Monday to the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting time, 6:00 PM, would remain the same. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the change. The *Goal Post* calender reports the Board of Health meetings as being held at 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Angela Foshay will contact Margaret Woodside to change the dates to Monday, August 2 and then the second Wednesday of the month thereafter.

By-Law Change: Angela Foshay asked the Board if they wanted to change the present By-Law requiring two Board of Health members present at a percolation test to one member present. The Board discussed the issue and decided no change was needed at this time.

Request for Reserve Fund Transfer: $2,985.39 needs to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the BOH Operations account to cover FY04 year-end bills from Berkshire Enviro Lab and LDB Engineering. The Board of Health presently has $701.39 in its account. The Board voted unanimously to request this Reserve Fund Transfer from the Finance Committee.

MAHB: The Board voted unanimously to renew its membership for FY05 with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB). The current membership expired July 1, 2004. The renewal fee is $50.00. Also, the Board received information on the MAHB Certification Program scheduled for October 23, 2004 and for the 2005 Toxics Use Reduction Networking (TURN) grant program.

Miscellaneous: Dick Alix suggested a file(s) be set up for grants, upcoming professional programs/meetings, etc. A rack for hanging files should be set up in the Board meeting room.

Final Audience: No one

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, August 2, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved: Richard Alix

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

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