

**Town of Rowe – FY2005**  
**Board of Health**  
**Minutes – September 8, 2004**

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

**Present:** Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallagher, Sharon White

**Audience:** Felicity Pickett

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 2, 2004 meeting were read and accepted as submitted.

**Morency Property, Old Cyrus Stage Road:** Dick Alix informed the Board that the outhouse on the property has been removed and the site filled in. Health Agent Lisa Danek-Burke reviewed the resubmitted septic plan from engineer Chris Garland and will request that corrections be made. A new Application for Disposal System Construction permit has not been submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Rowe Camp & Conference Center:** Felicity Pickett, Director for RC & CC, presented plans for a 6 to 8 person hot tub facility to the Board for review before the center applies for a building permit. A unisex bathroom with shower will be available for use and separate hours posted for men and women. Health Agent Sharon White saw no problems with a unisex facility as long as a shower is available (per state code). A motion was made to authorize the center to proceed with their plans with the confirmation from Sharon White that the bathroom facility is adequate.

Felicity Pickett, Director for RC & CC, requested permission for the center to utilize the town's recycling facilities at the Refuse Gardens. Presently the center transports their recyclables to North Adams. The Board will look into the costs and town regulations before making a decision.

**Health Agent Sharon White:** Health Agent Sharon White informed the Board of upcoming inspections at the Rowe Camp & Conference Center farmhouse, Rowe Elementary School, and the Maple House B & B. The Board told Sharon they did not need to know the date(s) of the inspections. Board members Dick Alix and Danette Reynolds-Gallagher expressed satisfaction with Sharon's services and felt she did not need to be accompanied by a Board member on her inspections. Board member Angela Foshay maintained that she should accompany Sharon on the inspections.

Health Agent Sharon White requested permission to send information on the SafServe Food Safety Training certification program to the Readsboro Lions Club (Readsboro, VT). A club member will need to be certified in order for the club to serve dinner at the 2005 Rowe Old Home Day.

**Title 5 Inspection:** Title 5 Official Inspection Form was received from Bostley Sanitary Service for the August 11, 2004 inspection at the Lindabury dwelling,, 82 Cross Road (Map 11 Lot 59). The wastewater level in the septic tank was 8 inches below the outlet invert. As the house has not been occupied for several months, the Board accepted the recommendation of Health Agent Lisa Danek-Burke and passed the system conditionally. The system needs to be re-evaluated after the house has been continuously occupied for 6 months. Board members Dick Alix and Danette Reynolds-Gallagher and Health Agent Lisa Danek-Burke attended the inspection.

**Soule Property, Sibley Road:** Results of the April 20, 2004 percolation/soil evaluation test were received from engineer Kathy Bridges.

**Well Completion Report:** Lynde Well Drilling, Inc. completed a well for Kevin Johnson, Ford Hill Road (Map 4 Lot 33) on August 20, 2004. Total depth of the well was 545 feet.

Health Agent Sharon White asked if the town requires a standard water test be done on new wells. The Board will find out.

**Town Nurse Practitioner:** Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis informed the Board that she has been receiving telephone calls during her off-hours for non-emergency medical care. The Board will discuss ways to remind the town residents to respect Ruth's personal time. As has been the case, Ruth is willing to respond to medical emergencies during her off-hours.

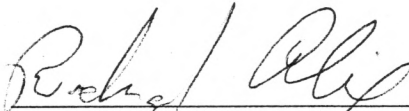
**Vacation:** Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis will be on vacation from September 13 – 17, 2004.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

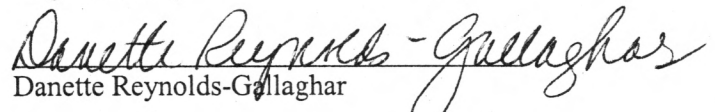
**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher

Approved:

  
Richard Alix, Chairman

  
Angela Foshay

  
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher