Town of Rowe – FY2005
Board of Health
Minutes – October 21, 2004

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

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

Audience: Cindy Laffond

OLD BUSINESS
Minutes: The minutes of the September 8, 2004 meeting were read and accepted as submitted.

Rowe Camp & Conference Center: the Board discussed the RC&CC's request to use the Town's recycling facilities. The following were seen as potential problems:

Town By-Laws state that only town residents may use the Refuse Gardens
Cost to the town for the increased volume of trash
Rejection of a load by Massachusetts Recycling Facility (MRF) if the materials are soiled or not properly sorted
Policing of the materials would mean extra work for the attendant, Dick Tower

Angela Foshay requested postponing a decision until actual costs of disposal can be determined and how much the center should be charged for the service. The Board agreed to postpone a decision.

Morency Property, Old Cyrus Stage Road: Ellen Babcock, Board of Health Clerk, recommended a Board member inspect the property to confirm the outhouse has been removed and the site filled in. Angela Foshay will inspect.

NEW BUSINESS

Well Completion Report: Lynde Well Drilling, Inc. completed a well for Robert & Karen Markert, Heath, MA on Tunnel Rd. (Map 8 Lot 32) on September 8, 2004. Total depth of the well was 245 feet.

Water Testing Results: As required by a recent Title 5 inspection, Berkshire Enviro-Labs performed water testing for Robert Dykeman, 476 Tunnel Rd. (Map 13 Lot 19) on September 14, 2004. The water test was required as the well was less than 100' from the SAS. All results were within the safe range.

Water Testing of New Wells: Rowe By-Laws require new wells be tested for Total Coliform and Fecal Coliform. Ellen Babcock, Board of Health Clerk, has seen recent information indicating the E. coli test may be a better indicator of contamination. Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar will contact Berkshire Enviro-Labs for information.

Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner has been contacted by a town resident with concerns about the proximity of a barnyard to their well. Health Agent Lisa Danek-Burke provided a copy of the appropriate health regulations which was then forwarded to Ruth.

Septic Tank Pumping: The following pumping reports were received:

Name/Location	*Date*	*# of Gal*	*Condition*	*Pumper/hauler*
Sean Loomis 63 Middletown Hill Rd. (Map 2 Lot 3)	6-14-04	750	not listed	A-1 Enterprises
Pelham Lake Park Pond Rd. (Map 2 Lot 45)	6-14-04	750	not listed	A-1 Enterprises

Brian Donelson Potter Rd. (Map 11 Lot 89)	9-02-04	1500	good	Greg's Wastewater Removal
Jen Rice 85 Ford Hill Rd. (Map 2 Lot 60)	9-09-04	1000	good	Houghton Sanitary Service
June Brown 110 County Rd. (Map 4 Lot 11)	10-18-04	1250	good	Houghton Sanitary Service
Robert Rice 88 Davis Mine Rd. (Map 5 Lot 2)	10-18-04	1000	good	Houghton Sanitary Service

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar questioned whether Greg's Wastewater Service is examining the condition of the septic tanks after pumping. On September 2, 2004 they pumped Brian Donelson's tank (see above) and listed the tank condition as "good". A Title 5 inspection was performed at Donelson's on October 6, 2004 by Bostley Sanitary Service (Dick Alix and Health Agent Lisa Danek-Burke attended). Bostley was not able to inspect the tank due to its depth (> 4 feet) and its location underneath a deck. Danette will contact Greg's Wastewater to question their inspection of tanks.

Percolation Tests: The following percolation tests are scheduled:

Date	*Time*	*Location*
October 27, 2004	9:00 AM	Brian Donelson, 43 Potter Rd. (Map 11 Lot 89)
November 4, 2004	8:30 AM	Sibley property, 163 Hazelton Rd. (Map 4 Lot 6)

Final Inspection of On-Site Subsurface Treatment & Disposal Systems: The following systems were inspected and received a Certificate of Compliance:

Date inspected	*Owner/Location*	*Inspected by*
August 11, 2004	Ken & Doris Fensky 93 Brittingham Hill Rd. (Map 4 Lot 17)	Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
October 11, 2004	Robert Dykeman 468 Tunnel Rd. (Map 13 Lot 40)	Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Influenza Vaccine Shortage: Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner, reported that only 16 doses are needed to finish vaccinating the town's high-risk residents. The town may be eligible to receive 20 more doses should vaccine become available. Any doses beyond the 16 must be returned to the State. Only high-risk conditions listed in the Federal Government's new guidelines may receive the vaccine under penalty of law. Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar commended Ruth for her efforts in ensuring that high-risk patients received the vaccine and for handling the situation in a professional and ethical manner.

Sibley Property, 163 Hazelton Road: Cindy Laffond inquired if someone was renting the Sibley house and, if so, can they legally live there since the property failed a Title 5 inspection. The Board believes that since there is no septage on the ground surface, someone can legally rent the house. The Board will look into the matter further.

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar will contact the Charlemont Board of Health to discuss their regulations and enforcement of regulations.

Yankee Atomic Power Plant: Environmental Resources Management informed the Board that Phase IV remedial actions are scheduled to begin at Sherman Reservoir. This will involve removal of sediments contaminated by PCBs in paint chips. Work will begin around October 18, 2004 and be completed by December 31, 2004.

Health Agent Sharon White: Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar made the following motion: "In an effort to minimize the disruption of facilities requiring an inspection by our Health Agent, the Board hereby establishes a policy that Health Agent Sharon White not be accompanied by a Board of Health member unless deemed necessary by the majority of the Board or by Sharon White's request." After lengthy discussion, the motion passed with Dick Alix and Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar voting in favor of and Angela Foshay voting against.

Board of Health Computer: Dick Alix made the motion that the Board of Health computer, digital camera and related peripherals are not for personal use. The motion was unanimously approved.

Job Description: Angela Foshay reported that Refuse Gardens attendant Dick Tower would like a written job description. Anne will interview him to get an accurate listing of his duties.

Responsibilities and Procedures: Angela Foshay presented the Board with a rough outline of responsibilities of and procedures for the Board of Health. Angela will continue to work on this.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar