Town of Rowe – FY2005
Board of Health
Minutes – November 10, 2004

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

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

Audience: Bill Foster, Building Inspector

OLD BUSINESS
Minutes: The minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting were read and accepted as submitted.

Rowe Camp & Conference Center: Angela Foshay has been looking into the possibility of the Camp using the Town's recycling facilities. She reported the Town of Rowe spent $1,582.00 in FY2004 for recyclables hauling and received a refund of $396.00 or 24% of the cost. Felicity Pickett, director of RC&CC, said the Camp produces 1 pickup truck load of recyclables every 2 weeks except during the children's camps in the summer when the amount increases to 2 loads every 2 weeks. Presently the Camp pays the town of North Adams $90.00 per year to dispose of their recyclables but would prefer to pay to use the Rowe facilities. Dick Alix would like to know if the Camp has looked into having their recyclables collected by a waste management company. Angela Foshay will find out.

Morency Property, Old Cyrus Stage Road: Angela Foshay did a final inspection of the outhouse site at the Morency property on October 25, 2004. The outhouse has been removed and the site filled in.

Dick Tower, Refuse Gardens Attendant: Richard Tower listed his responsibilities as the Refuse attendant and Angela Foshay presented a draft of his job description to the Board. The Board discussed the draft and made suggestions. Angela will continue working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Building permits: The Board requested Bill Foster refer any building permit applications to the Board for review before issuing permits. Bill agreed.

Tourist homes: Angela Foshay has received a special permit from the Planning Board to operate a tourist home. She was informed that she will need to have inspections by the Building Inspector and Fire Chief before she can legally operate her business. Bill Foster, Building Inspector, informed Angela that she will need an Occupancy Permit before operating a tourist home.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments: FRCOG is investigating the possibility of changing their Regional Health Inspection Program from hourly charges to one annual fee. They have requested information from Rowe on the number of percolation tests, number of camp inspections, and number of food permits done/issued in the past year. Danette Reynolds will provide them with the information.

Percolation tests: the Board received results of the following percolation tests for replacement septic systems from Lisa Danek Burke, Health Agent:

Name	*Location*	*Result*
Brian Donelson	43 Potter Road (Map 11 Lot 89)	passed
Mary Sibley property	163 Hazelton Road (Map 4 Lot 6)	passed

At the percolation test for Brian Donelson (Map 11 Lot 89) on October 27, 2004, the engineer used an auger to excavate the hole for the percolation test. Engineer Kathy Bridges informed the Board that this is illegal in Massachusetts. In this instance it would not have changed the percolation test results.

Influenza vaccine: Ruth Loomis informed the Board that vaccine needs to be picked up at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Angela Foshay will contact a town resident who works near there to see if they can get the vaccine.

Refuse Gardens: The pipe railing by the demolition container needs to be repaired. The Board also discussed a handicap ramp for the recycling shed and decided to table the matter for now.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2004

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar