Town of Rowe – FY2005
Board of Health
Minutes – March 16, 2005

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM

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

Audience: Jodi Brown, Loretta Dionne, Judy Pierce

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes of the January 31, 2005 meeting were read. Angela Foshay voiced several objections to the minutes. She objected to the statement that she made no comment on the vote concerning the use of the Refuse Gardens by Rowe Camp & Conference Center. Danette informed Angela that she was recorded on audio tape as remaining silent during the vote. Angela presented the Board with a list of complaints about the negative vote and requested they be appended to the January 31, 2005 minutes. Angela also objected to the omission of discussion of her permit to operate her "rental dwelling unit". Danette said the discussion was not included in the minutes as Angela had said at the meeting that she was not expecting to discuss the issue and was not prepared and the issue would be discussed at the next meeting. Angela said any item brought up and discussed at a meeting should be in the minutes. Danette informed Angela that she is a secretary, not a transcriptionist. The meetings are recorded on audio tape and members of other boards and committees (and Town Counsel) have said the minutes should only include actions and votes taken. Dick Alix and Danette Reynods-Gallaghar approved and signed the January 31, 2005 minutes as written.

The minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting were approved and signed with the following correction: under item **Laurelwood Lodge,** the name Steven Hughs was replaced by Paul Halfman as Director of CEH.

The minutes of the March 11, 2005 meeting were approved and signed as submitted.

Cousineau Property: Danette discovered that the Final Inspection Form for the Cousineau septic system at 30 Old Cyrus Stage Road (Map 11 Lot 118) had not been signed. A letter on file from Health Agent Lisa Danek-Burke recommended not signing the form until an as-built inspection by the designing engineer Peter Franz was performed. Danette noted that the inspection has occurred and the Board needs to sign the form.

Town Nurse Practitioner: Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner, questioned the Board on the budget presented to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for Health Services. The budget presented was $500.00 less than Ruth requested. Dick Alix said the $500.00 reduction was to account for the vaccine reimbursement Health Services received from Massachusetts which was to be placed in a revolving account for vaccine purchases, if approved at Town Meeting. Ruth emphasized that a revolving account for vaccine reimbursements needs to be established. The Board decided to add $500.00 back into Health Services budget in case the account is not created.

Fees: Dick Alix presented the Board with a draft for fees to be charged by the Board of Health. The Board discussed the fees and will revisit the issue at a later date.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management: The Board signed a form stating that the Town of Rowe will be participating in the recyclable and materials hauling program for FY06. There is still a question as to which hauling contractors will be used. The Board is also waiting to hear from hauler Waste Management, present lessor of the compactor at Refuse Gardens, about the Town purchasing the compactor.

Confidentiality Statements: All hired employees working at the Town Hall and Board of Health members signed confidentiality statements (see BOH minutes February 9, 2005). Copies are on file with Ruth Loomis and will also be placed in the personell folders.

Title 5 Inspection: A Title 5 inspection has been scheduled for Rob Riggan, 163 Leshure Road (Map 11 Lot 86) on March 16, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

Percolation Test: A percolation test is scheduled for Ron Jette, Old Cyrus Stage Road (Map 11 Lot 117) on May 16, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

The Board discussed at length communication problems between and questionable actions by members of the Board.

The next meeting was not scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar