Town of Rowe – FY2005
Board of Health
Minutes – June 29, 2005

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner
Audience: Sheila Furgerson, John Magnago, Jim Williams, Russ Donelson

OLD BUSINESS
Minutes: The minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed as submitted: June 07, 2005, June 08, 2005 (with the addition of Ellen Babcock, Clerk of the BOH listed under appointments) and June 13, 2005.

Gary, Cyrus Stage Rd (Map 6 Lot 57): Virginia Gary signed the Application for Disposal System Construction Permit. The Disposal Sytstem Construction Permit will be sent to Jim Williams.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: The BOH signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for trash disposal for FY06.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments: The BOH signed the FY06 contract with FRCOG for Regional Health Inspection Services.

Magnago, 169 Ford Hill Rd (Map 1 Lot 60): John Magnago informed the BOH that his engineer, Kathy Bridges, has still not submitted his application for a tight tank septic system to the Department of Environmental Protection. Kathy Bridges told Mr. Magnago June 29, 2005 that she was waiting for a letter of approval from the Rowe BOH before submitting the application. Danette Reynolds told Mr. Magnago that she had spoken to Lisa Danek Burke, Health Agent for Title 5, approximately 2 weeks ago about the approval letter. Lisa informed Danette that, per conversation with the DEP, a letter of approval was not required from the BOH. Mr. Magnago said that Lisa would be receiving the application from Kathy Bridges on June 30, 2005 and, as a family friend, would help him in submitting the application.

Donelson, 43 Potter Rd (Map 11 Lot 89): Septic system installer Jim Williams requested the BOH visit the 43 Potter Rd site and view the stakes placed by engineer John Dupras which mark out the replacement septic system to be installed. Mr. Williams questions whether the stakes are in the correct area as they do not seem to correlate with the engineer's plan. The BOH will meet at the site at 11:45 AM June 29, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS
Percolation Test: A percolation test was conducted at Yankee Atomic Energy Corporation on June 16, 2005. The test was abandoned as the percolation rate was too slow. The engineer and BOH agreed that the soil was still saturated and that soil samples should be sent in for analysis. A septic system will be designed based on the results of the soil analysis (per Title 5 Alternative to Percolation Testing Policy for System Upgrades -310 CMR 15.104, policy #BRP/DWM/PeP–P00-4)

Hayden, County Rd (Map 4, Lots 41 & 42): The BOH received the Application for Disposal System Construction Permit and system design plans from Jack Hayden, County Rd (Map 4 Lots 41 & 42). The plans will be forwarded to Lisa Danek Burke to review.

Licenses: The following licenses were issued:
Rowe Camp & Conference Center: Recreational Camp for Children: Young People's Camp

Junior High Camp
Senior High Camp
License to Serve Food: Rec Hall Kitchen

Old Home Day: Temporary Permits to Serve Food: Rowe Community Church
Halifax Community Club
Sully's Cotton Candy
Readsboro Lion's Club

Building Permits: The BOH reviewed the building permits issued in June 2005 by Building Inspector Bill Foster. Mr. Foster did not submit the applications to the BOH before issuing building permits as he has been requested to do numerous times.

Russ Donelson, building contractor, presented the BOH with an application for a building permit at the Michael Brines property, Potter Rd.for a horse/storage shed. The BOH approved the application.

Town Nurse Practitioner: Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner, told the BOH that the cost of her medical malpractice insurance has risen $334.00. She requested permission to change her insurer to Marsh Affinity Group Services which offers a better rate. The BOH unanimously approved the change.

The BOH approved purchases made by Ruth Loomis for a palm pilot and associated medical software.

Jette, Old Cyrus Stage Rd (Map 11 Lot 117): The BOH received a letter from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) dated June 16, 2005 questioning the percolation test performed on the Jette property on May 16, 2005. The location of the proposed system is within 55 feet of an open body of water. This violates Town Bylaw Article V, Section 7. Danette Reynolds informed the Board that she and Ellen Babcock, a member of ConCom, visited the site on June 23, 2005 and found two brooks still flowing after a week with no rain. One brook measured 55 feet from the proposed system and the other was less than 100 feet. Danette also said that a telephone call to Town Counsel to discuss the matter had not been returned before this meeting. The BOH unanimously voted to table discussion of the Jette property until Town Counsel has been consulted.

Well Completion Report: A well completion report was received for Rowe Elementary School from L.G. Cushing & Sons, Inc. The well was completed on June 8, 2005 and was drilled to a depth of 280 feet.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1130 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar