Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes – August 24, 2005

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

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner
Audience: Jan Ameen, Shiela Furgerson, Ron Gordon, Rosie Gordon, Carol Lively

OLD BUSINESS
Minutes: The minutes of the August 10, 2005 meeting were approved and signed as submitted.

Benson, 9 Pine Hill Drive (Map 1 Lot 31): Francis Benson informed Dick Alix that he still has problems with the water from his well: the water smells bad and leaves a black stain around the faucets and in the toilet. Francis believes the water problem is due to stumps buried near his well by a neighbor during the renovation of a pond. Danette Reynolds will contact the DEP to see what compounds should be tested for in the well water.

Hayden, County Rd (Map 4 Lot 41, 42): Jack Hayden has indicated he will be the installer for a new septic system on his property on County Rd. The BOH requires the following from an individual requesting a Septic System Installer's Permit:

a) Proof of passing a Title 5 Installer's Course, **OR**
b) Pass a written test administered by the Town Health Agent, **OR**
c) Provide two (2) written references from other Massachusetts towns where the applicant holds a current license, **AND**
d) Proof of current Massachusetts Hoister's License

The BOH currently has no written test to administer to a permit applicant. Danette Reynolds will contact the Tri-County Health Department in Berkshire County for information on the installer's course offered there and advice on creating a written test

NEW BUSINESS:
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: Jan Ameen, Executive Director FCSWMD, met with the BOH to introduce herself and discuss the programs and services available through FCSWMD. Jan was informed of a problem with one of the recyclables boxes used at the Transfer Station: the partition between the paper and plastic/metal compartment needs to be moved so that the paper compartment is enlarged. Jan will contact the hauling company to request this change. Jan will also estimate the cost of having separate boxes for paper and plastic/metal recycling at the Transfer Station.

Title 5 Inspection: A Title 5 Inspection will be done at the Cynthia Baxter property, 488 Tunnel Rd (Map 13 Lot 30) on August 30, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

Goat Dairy: Carol Lively informed the BOH that she would like to begin selling raw goat milk from her property by March or April 2006. Eventually she would also like to sell raw goat milk cheese. A state inspector visited Carol's farm during an agricultural workshop conducted by Carol and advised her on setting up the dairy and cheese-making facilities. Carol will need a license to operate from the BOH. The BOH will discuss Carol's proposal with the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture before issuing a license.

Soils Evaluator Course: Danette Reynolds would like to attend the Soils Evaluator Course offered by New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission in Buckland, MA during September and October, 2005.
A motion was made to pay Danette Reynolds' tuition to attend the Soils Evaluator Course. The motion passed with Dick Alix and Ann Foshay voting in favor of the motion; Danette Reynolds abstained from the vote.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 10:00AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Fraley Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar