Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes –September 14, 2005

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

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

Audience: Sheila Furgurson, Ron Gordon, Rosie Gordon, Jonathan Lively, Carol Lively, Peter Besgen

OLD BUSINESS
Minutes: The minutes of the August 24, 2005 meeting were approved and signed as submitted.

Benson, 9 Pine Hill Drive (Map 1 Lot 31): Danette Reynolds informed the other board members that she had contacted the DEP for advice on Francis Benson's well water problem. The DEP recommended Mr. Benson contact a well driller to evaluate his situation. Danette informed Mr. Benson.

Hayden, County Rd (Map 4 Lot 41, 42): Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke reviewed the revised plans for the new septic system for the Jack Hayden property on County Road and recommended approving them. The BOH unanimously approved the application for a septic system for Jack Hayden

Requirements for obtaining a Septic Installer's Permit: The BOH voted unanimously to omit the option of passing a written test administered by the Town Health Agent in order to obtain a Septic Installer's Permit. An applicant for the permit is now required to provide the following to the BOH:

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

Title 5 Baxter property, 488 Tunnel Rd: A Title 5 inspection at the Cynthia Baxter property, 488 Tunnel Rd (Map 13 Lot 20) on August 30, 2005 failed. The septic tank and distribution box were in poor condition and therefore the leachfield could not be evaluated. Gordon Cowie, the prospective purchaser of the property, said that he wants to replace the failed components and use the existing leachfield. Mr. Cowie was told that the field would have to be evaluated after the system was in operation.

Goat Dairy: Carol Lively was informed that the BOH could not make a determination on licensing her sale of raw goat milk as the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources have not provided the information requested by the BOH. The BOH will continue to try to contact these agencies.

Soils Evaluator Course: The Soils Evaluator Course offered during September and October, 2005 was filled and Danette Reynolds was unable to attend. If the course is offered in western Massachusetts next spring she will apply for admission.

NEW BUSINESS:
Title 5 Inspection:: A Title 5 inspection is scheduled for the Fromson House (Map 3 Lot 24) at the Rowe Camp & Conference Center on September 28, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

Refuse Gardens Transfer Station: Dick Alix informed the BOH that 11 large trash bags filled with paper plates, beer cans, etc was left at the entrance to the transfer station September 11, 2005. Dick Tower, attendant, had to sort through all of the bags for the recyclables and haul the rest to the compactor.

Ann Foshay recommended a notice be placed in the Goal Post requesting townspeople bring clean rags to the Recycling Shed for painters and mechanics in town to use. The BOH concurred. Ann will write a notice.

Town Nurse Practitioner: Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner, recently examined an adult patient in her office who was later found to be infected with chicken pox. As chicken pox is a communicable disease, the office needed to be cleaned. The town hall custodian initially refused to clean the office but did so after Selectman Sheila Furgurson requested it. Sheila informed the BOH that Ruth should be responsible for cleaning her office after seeing a patient with a communicable disease. The Board will discuss this further with Sheila and Ruth.

Pending Septic Systems: The BOH voted unanimously to have Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke visit the following properties to see if there was septage on the ground from the failed systems:

Paul McLatchy, 17 Newell Cross Rd (Map 1 Lot 11)
Arlene Andognini, 163 Hazelton Rd (Map 4 Lot 6)

Percolation Test Guidelines: The BOH discussed and made recommendations to percolation test guidelines being drafted by Ann Foshay. These guidelines will be given to new BOH members and individuals requesting a percolation test from the town.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 10:00AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Fraley Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar