Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes – October 26, 2005

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

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke

Audience: Ken Dowd, Doug MaClay, David Scrivens

OLD BUSINESS

Yankee Atomic Electric Company, 49 Yankee Rd (Map 12 Lot 4): Ken Dowd, Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC), and Doug MaCleay, engineer, discussed the plans for a replacement septic system at YAEC with the BOH and Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke. The BOH will address a letter to the DEP specifying why the BOH allowed a variance from the percolation testing provisions of 310CMR 15.104. The letter will note that due to excess moisture in the ground, percolation tests on 2 different occasions had to be stopped. Also, soils in the test area were uncompacted. Because of these 2 conditions, the BOH permitted soil characterization to be used instead of a percolation test (DEP policy #BRP/DWM/PeP-P00-4). Lisa requested that errors in elevations on the plan be corrected. The BOH conditionally approved the application contingent upon receiving the revisions.

Markert, Tunnel Rd (Map 8 Lot 32): The Application for Disposal System Construction Permit was approved by the BOH. The property owners will need to sign the application.
Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke expressed concerns with installing the system at the present time as the soils are very wet and construction activities can smear and compact the soils. The BOH asked Lisa to visit the site.

Lively, 11 Petrie Rd: BOH members Angela Foshay and Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar met with State Dairy Inspector Sheila Phelon, at the Carol Lively property on October 19, 2005 to discuss a proposed goat dairy/farmstand and disposal of wastewater. Carol will send the BOH a plan for the disposal of wastewater generated from washing dairy equipment.

Maple House B&B, 51 Middletown Hill Rd (Map 2 Lot 12): Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke discussed her review of the existing septic system and the 1993 plans for a replacement SAS at the Bradley property, 51 Middletown Hill Rd. The existing system is undersized for the number of bedrooms at the house. As the percolation test done in 1993 does not indicate the high water table, a minimum of a deep hole and soil evaluation will need to be done. The 1993 design puts the system within the existing grade but, depending upon the results of the perc test, it may be possible to still use the 1993 design. Because the existing system is old (installed in 1967) and undersized (250 gallons/day for 8 bedrooms), Lisa is concerned about the potential for sewage break-out on the surface, especially since property is open to the public as a Bed & Breakfast. Danette Reynolds will contact the DEP to see if the system has to be replaced or if a Title 5 can be done to evaluate the system.

Beaumier, Leshure Rd (Map 11 Lot 56): Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke reviewed the revised SAS plans for the Beaumier property, Leshure Rd. Lisa recommended verifying that the SAS is at least 75 feet from the property boundary. She also recommended that the BOH inform the system installer of the possibility of encountering parts of the old septic system on the site. The BOH approved the Application for Disposal System Construction Permit with the condition that the BOH is notified prior to initiation of construction and that it reserves the right to additional inspections. These conditions will be added to the application.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer Station: Attendant Dick Tower would like to have the entrance gate repaired so that it can be opened electronically using a key at the control box outside of the gate. The BOH will have Dick contact an electrician.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar