# Town of Rowe – FY2005
## Board of Health
## Minutes – December 14, 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**: Jodi Brown, Robin Reed

**OLD BUSINESS**
**Minutes:** The minutes of the October 13, 26 and November 23, 2005 meetings were approved and signed as submitted.

**Transfer Station:** Attendant Dick Tower has received 3 bids for repairing the entrance gate so it can be operated electronically. All bids were approximately $6,000.00. The BOH will review the bids with the submitting companies.

**NEW BUSINESS**
**Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner:** The BOH received a letter of complaint against Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis from a town resident on November 14, 2005. The BOH, after questioning Ruth, responded with a letter to the resident on December 4, 2005 supporting Ruth's actions (see attached letters). Ruth requested the Board's permission to send a letter terminating medical care to the above complainant and spouse. A similar letter had been sent to these residents in 2001 after Ruth was threatened with a lawsuit for providing information on diet and exercise for diabetics. After consulting with physicians Dr. Warner and Dr. Miller, it was agreed that a letter of termination of medical care was the best solution to avoid the potential for liability (see attached). Ruth discussed the situation with the complainant's primary care physician and will forward a copy of the termination letter to the physician.

**Franklin Regional Council of Governments**: Phoebe Walker, Co-Director of Community Services, has requested a meeting with the BOH to discuss a yearly assessment for services to Rowe rather than an hourly billing. The meeting has tentatively been scheduled for January 11, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

**Septic Tank Pumping:** The following pumping reports were received:

| *Name/Location* | *Date* | *# of Gal* | *Condition* | *Pumper/hauler* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Bradley<br>51 Middletown Hill Rd (Map 2 Lot 12) | 11-14-05 | 1,500 | good | Houghton Sanitary Service |
| Florence Bjork<br>288 Zoar Rd (Map 3 Lot 31) | 11-14-05 | 1,000 | good | Houghton Sanitary Service |

**Water Testing Results:** the following water test results were received from Berkshire Enviro-Lab, Inc.:

| *Location* | *Date* | *Result* |
|---|---|---|
| Rowe Camp & Conference Center | | |
| Farmhouse Kitchen | 9/07 & 10/05/05 | all results within normal range |
| Rec Hall Kitchen | 9/07 & 10/05/05 | all results within normal range |
| Pelham Lake Park outside fountain | 4/28, 5/04, 6/01, 7/06, 8/01 & 9/02/05 | all results within normal range |
| Town Hall | 4-06, 5-04, 6-01, 7-06, 8-03 & 9-07-05 | all results within normal range |
| Avery Fountain | 4-06, 5-04, 6-01, 7-06, 8-03 & 9-07-05 | all results within normal range |

Backflow Prevention Device Inspection and Maintenance Reports were also received for the Town Hall and Rowe Community Church. Both systems passed inspection.

**Food Inspections:** Health Agent Sharon White inspected the Rowe Camp & Conference Center Farmhouse Kitchen on November 18, 2005. Minor violations found were corrected by the re-inspection on December 7, 2005.

**Cowie, 488 Tunnel Rd (Map 13 Lot 30):** The BOH received an Application for Disposal System Construction Permit from Gordon Cowie to replace the septic tank and distribution box at his property at 488 Tunnel Rd. As the proposed tank is a different style from the existing tank, Danette will talk with Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke to see if an engineer is required to determine elevations for the components.

**Next Meeting**: The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar