Town of Rowe - FY2005
Board of Health
Minutes - January 11, 2006

Call to order: The neeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by chairman Richard Alix.

Members present: Richard Alix, and Angela Foshay, Absent: Danette Gallagher. Others present: Phoebe Walker, Ellen Babcock, Myra Carlow and Earl Carlow. Paul Brown and Richard Tower came in at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes: In the absence of the secretary there were no minutes submitted for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

FRCOG Proposal: Phoebe Walker from FRCOG explained that FRCOG inspectors will no longer be available on a fee-for-service basis. We will now be required to enter into an assessment membership as outlined on the attached document. Phoebe said that Charlemont, Buckland and Bernardston have been in the program for a year and find it satisfactory, and she is now soliciting participation of the other towns. Based on the feedback, she will calculate the projected use by each town of the several services, calculate what they would have to assess to provide these services, and then apportion out shares of it as an annual fee from each town. She will then get back to us for our final determination.

We would expect to participate only in the Health Agent services. Phoebe's records show that we used:

FY '04	97 hours	at a cost of	$4,860
FY '05	50 hours	at a cost of	2,850
FY '06	36 hours	at a cost of	2,350 to date (6 months to go)

However, if our use exceeds what is calculated in the fee, FRCOG is empowered to add to the assessment, The calculation includes the hourly rate for travel time from the office and back.

Ann Foshay pointed out that she is legally certified (affirmed by Phoebe) to do the food inspections and is willing to do them, This could reduce our participation only to the extent of services for the Conference Center Summer Camp Programs. This was left for future discussion. Phoebe will calculate on the above figures, subject to revision

It was mentioned that Heath does all of their own inspections.

Transfer Station Gate: Richard Tower, our transfer station attendant, brought Paul Brown, representative from Berkshire Fence Company, to present his bid to replace the gate in the transfer station fence with an electronically operated gate. The present gate is difficult to operate in winter.

This is the only bid we received in writing with a price of $5,800. Another provider who was only marginally interested gave us an oral estimate of about the same amount.

In discussing the details, it was determined that we would need 8 electronic openers instead of the 6 noted in the bid, and we would like to have a small manually operated personnel gate, because the mechanism to operate the gate during power outages is on the inside.. Mr. Brown offered to include these two things without additional charge.

This bid will be reviewed and brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be January 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: As there was no other business scheduled for this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Fraley Foshay

Approved::

Richard Alix, Chairman

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