Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes – May 10, 2006

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

Present: Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Absent: Ann Foshay

Audience: Maggie Rice

OLD BUSINESS
Maple House B&B: The Board tabled discussion of the May 3, 2006 Maple House B&B hearing as Board member Angela Foshay was absent.

Percolation Tests: The following percolation tests were conducted:

Date	*Owner/Location*	*Witnessed by*	*Result*
05-09-06	Ruth Loomis Hazelton Rd (Map 4 Lot 3)	Dick Alix Danette Reynolds Lisa Danek Burke	Passed
05-10-06	Dennis May Stone Hill Rd (Map 11 Lot 30)	Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds Lisa Danek Burke	Passed

Final Inspection of On-Site Subsurface Treatment & Disposal Systems: The following system was inspected and will receive a Certificate of Compliance:

Date	***Owner/Location***	***Inspected by***
05-02-06	Kevin Johnson Ford Hill Road (Map 4 Lot 33)	Danette Reynolds
05-04-06	Kevin Johnson Ford Hill Road (Map 4 Lot 33)	Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds

Title 5 Inspections: The following Title 5 inspection was performed:

Date	*Owner/Location*	*Witnessed by*	*Result*
05-04-06	Mike Posever 332 Zoar Rd (Map 1 Lot 49)	Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds	Failed

Transfer Station: The new entrance gate has been installed at the Transfer Station. A bill for $5,735.00 was received from Berkshire Fence Company for the installation. Payment will be made from the Transfer Station maintenance account.

Girard, 23 Pelham Drive (map 2 Lot 40): The BOH received a letter from Thomas S. Leue, Homestead Inc. requesting information on the subsurface soil absorption system (SAS) at the David Girard property (see attached). Mr. Leue questions the Board's right to order an evaluation of the property's SAS among other things. Danette Reynolds will send a letter to Mr. Leue addressing his questions/concerns.

NEW BUSINESS
Permits: The following Pumper/Hauler Permit was approved for and payment received from:
A-1 Enterprises, Bernardston, MA

Percolation Tests: The following percolation tests are scheduled:

Date	*Time*	*Owner/Location*
05-12-06	9:00 AM	Citino, County Rd (Map 4 Lot 39)
05-15-06	9:00 AM	Rowe Camp & Conference Center: Fromson House 22 King's Highway (Map 3 Lot 24)
05-16-06	9:00 AM	Sittinger, 54 Ford Hill Rd (Map 12 Lot 89)
05-17-06	9:00 AM	Burt, Ford Hill Rd (Map 4 Lot 32)
05-22-06	9:00 AM	Jackson, Leshure Rd (Map 11 Lot 105)

Maple House B&B – beaver problems: The BOH received two letters dated May 6, 2006 from Mike and Becky Bradley, Maple House B&B, 51 Middletown Hill Rd (see attached):

In the first letter Mrs. Bradley petitioned the BOH for help with an alleged beaver problem (see attached). Mrs. Bradley stated that beavers have built a pond on the neighboring property owned by Dick Alix (59 Middletown Hill Rd, Map 2 Lot 4) which may be negatively impacting the Bradley's leach field. Danette Reynolds and Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke visited the site in question on May 10, 2006. No evidence of current beaver activity was observed. The old beaver dam was breached and the water level in the pond was several feet below the ground level of the Bradley's property. Lisa took photographs at the site and sent copies along with a report of her findings to the BOH (see attached).

In the second letter Mrs. Bradley petitioned the BOH to delay an ordered Title 5 inspection of their septic system and leach field at 51 Middletown Hill Rd until the beaver issue was resolved.

The BOH will send a letter to the Bradleys informing them that no beaver problem was observed. Copies of Lisa Danek Burke's memorandum and photographs will also be sent.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar