Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes – May 24, 2006

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

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner
Audience: Earl Carlow, Myra Carlow, Sheila Furgurson, Rosie Gordon, Robin Reed, Kris Swenson, Florence Veber

OLD BUSINESS
Jackson, Leshure Rd (Map 11 Lot 105): The percolation test scheduled for May 22, 2006 on the Jackson property, Leshure Rd was cancelled.

Bradley, 51 Middletown Hill Rd (Map 2 Lot 12): Rebecca Bradley, owner of Maple House B&B, 51 Middletown Hill Rd, read a letter written by her husband, Michael Bradley, criticizing the Board's handling of a complaint filed by the Bradleys concerning beaver activity on an abutter's property (see attached letter). Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar responded that the Board had acted upon the Bradleys' letter; that Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burk and Danette walked the site in question on May 10, 2006 and found no evidence of recent beaver activity. The Bradley's received a letter from the BOH dated May 18, 2006, along with photodocumentation, informing the Bradleys of the findings (see attachments).

Rebecca also requested that a June 7, 2006 Title 5 inspection ordered for the 51 Middletown Hill Rd property be postponed to June 12, 2006 due to a family illness. The BOH approved the request.

Yankee Atomic Electric Company, 49 Yankee Rd (Map 12 Lot 4): YEAC wants to change the location of an approved septic system to be installed at their facility. The BOH received revised plans for the septic system from engineer Doug MacLeay. Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke will be asked to review the plans.

Loomis, Hazelton Rd (Map 4 Lot 3): The BOH received plans for a septic system at the Loomis property from engineer Peter Franz. Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke will be asked to review the plans. Also, since the location of the proposed system is within 200 feet of a perennial stream, the Conservation Commission will also be asked to review the plans.

NEW BUSINESS
Organization of the Board of Health: Dick Alix was voted as chairman and Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar as secretary.

Health Services: Florence Veber complained to the BOH that Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis shows a bias in her treatment of town residents. Specifically, Florence said that Ruth Loomis did not respond to an emergency involving George Veber during Health Services office hours but that Ruth did go to another town resident's home during office hours. Ruth responded that she does not respond to emergencies, that 911 needs to be called in an emergency. The occassion Ruth did go to a resident's home during office hours was a case where the resident had come home from the hospital to die and Ruth went to make sure the individual was comfortable. The BOH will discuss the situation with Florence at a later date.

Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner, requested the BOH to develop a list of policies for Health Services. Angela Foshay will work on this.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: Jan Ameen of the FCSWMD would like to meet with the BOH to discuss the amount of waste generated by the town. Selectman Myra Carlow requested the Selectboard also attend the meeting. Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar will invite Jan to attend the next BOH meeting on June 13, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

Septic Tank Pumping: The following pumping reports were received:

Name/Location	*Date*	*# of Gal*	*Condition*	*Pumper/hauler*
Todd Veber 292 Zoar Road (Map 3 Lot 29)	May 2, 2006	1000	good	Greg's Wastewater

Water Testing Results:
Rowe Camp & Conference Center: water test results were received from Berkshire Enviro-Lab, Inc. for testing on April 5, 2006 at the RC&CC farmhouse and rec hall kitchens. All results were within the normal range.

Food Inspections: Health Agent Sharon White inspected the Rowe Elementary School kitchen on May 3, 2006. Minor violations were found that had been corrected by the May 17, 2006 inspection.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar