Town of Rowe – FY2006
Board of Health
Minutes – June 13, 2006

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

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Audience: Jodi Brown, Myra Carlow, Sheila Furgurson, Rosie Gordon, Cindy Laffond, Robin Reed, Chris Tower, Dick Tower, Kris Swenson

OLD BUSINESS

Girard, 23 Pelham Drive (Map 2 Lot 40): a subsurface soil absorption system inspection at the Girard property was conducted by Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar and Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke on June 12, 2006. The leach field was found to be adequate for the number of bedrooms being served.

Percolation Tests: the following percolation tests were conducted

Date	*Owner/location*	*Witnessed by*	*Result*
06-12-06	Ernest Burt Ford Hill Rd (Map 4 Lot 32)	Dick Alix Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar Lisa Danek Burke	new-passed
06-14-06	Albert Williams Tatro Road (Map 7 Lot 11)	Dick Alix Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar Lisa Danek Burke	new-passed

Maple House B&B, 51 Middletown Hill Rd (Map 2 Lot 12): a Title 5 inspection conducted at the Maple House B&B on June 12, 2006 by Bostley Sanitary Service failed. It was found that the outlet pipe from the septic tank had been disconnected and sewage was being discharged directly on the ground. As sewage on the ground surface is an imminent public health threat, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar presented the BOH with a draft of a letter to be sent to property owners Michael and Rebecca Bradley ordering them to have the outlet of their septic tank capped by a licensed system installer, to have the tank pumped on a regular basis, and to have their septic system upgraded in compliance with Title 5 by November 1, 2006. The Board unanimously approved sending the letter with revisions (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments: The BOH appointed the following people:

Board of Health Clerk	Ellen Babcock
Health Agent	Sharon White
Title 5 Health Agent	Lisa Danek Burke
Transfer Station Attendant	Dick Tower
Town Nurse Practitioner	Ruth Loomis

Transfer Station: Transfer station attendant Dick Tower and his wife, Chris Tower, informed the BOH that there has been an ongoing problem at the transfer station with people leaving trash in or near the compactor after the facility is closed. Bears break open the bags of trash, strewing it around the area and Dick has to clean it up. Chris is concerned about diseases Dick may be exposed to. The BOH and Towers discussed ways of eliminating the problem including:

1. inform anyone with a gate controller that they must compact the trash during off-hours and leave the compactor closed.
2. have a motion-activated security camera installed
3. ask police to monitor activity at the transfer station in the off-hours

4. publish a notice in the Goal Post informing residents of the problem and fines that can be incurred for illegal dumping
5. send a letter to residents informing them of the problem, rules for using the facility and fines for infractions of the rules

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: Jan Ameen and Athena Bradley of FCSWMD discussed the amount of waste generated by Rowe. The tonnage generated per year in Rowe is higher than other towns of similar or slightly larger size. A potential source for the extra waste may be from contractors working in the area. Also, contractors may be disposing of wastes generated by jobs in other towns. Some towns, such as Northfield, charge contractors for a permit to use their waste facilities. SWM and the BOH discussed producing a form which a Rowe resident would sign verifying that a contractor is performing work on their property. Athena said that she will do a survey of contractors in the area. Jan and Athena thanked the BOH for their time and left the meeting.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District FY2006Contract: The BOH unanimously approved the FY2006 contract between Rowe and the FCSWMD.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments FY 2006 Contract: The BOH discussed the FY2006 contract between FRCOG and Rowe and decided to table a vote on the contract until a later meeting.

Sani-Can Permit: The BOH unanimously approved a Sani-Can Permit for Yankee Atomic Electric Company.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar