Town of Rowe – FY2007
Board of Health
Minutes – October 10, 2006

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

Present: Dick Alix, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practioner
Absent: Ann Foshay

OLD BUSINESS
Bradley, 51 Middletown Hill Rd (Map 2 Lot 12): The BOH approved a variance to use the existing 1500 gallon septic tank instead of a 2000 gallon tank for the Bradley replacement SAS with the stipulation that the tank be examined and found to be in good condition before connection to the new SAS. If the tank is in questionable or poor condition, it will have to be replaced with a new 2000 tank.

Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke reviewed the plans for the replacement SAS submitted by Howard Environmental Services and found the following problems that need to be corrected before the BOH can approve the system plan:

1. The northwest side of the leach field is less than 3 feet to estimated seasonal high water table
2. It appears that some of the fill around the leach field will be on an abutter's property
3. Redoximorphic Features observed at 24", not the 78" noted on the plans
4. Typo on Leach Field Cross Section Detail: distance between pipes listed as 47 instead of 4'

A letter will be sent to the engineer requesting the corrections.

NEW BUSINESS
Town Nurse Practitioner: Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis informed the Board that she has been receiving telephone calls during her off-hours for non-emergency medical care, has residents interrupting her administration hours for medical attention and also has residents coming to her office just to visit. Ruth feels uncomfortable telling residents that she cannot treat them during her off-hours and administrative hours and would like the Board to submit an article to the Goal Post reminding residents to respect Ruth's personal time and to avail themselves of her services only during posted office hours. The BOH questioned whether Ruth is covered for personal injury if an injury happens while she is treating a patient during her off-hours. Danette Reynolds will contact the insurance company, MIIA, for information.

On September 28, 2006 Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis injured her back moving a patient during a home visit. In filling out the injury report, Danette Reynolds contacted the resident involved, as required by the insurance company. Ruth was asked to relate the circumstances surrounding the injury and told the BOH that she hurt her back while moving a patient. Ruth was reminded that she was told by Chairman Richard Alix not to move patients after she hurt her back in January 2006, also while moving a patient. Ruth was told to inform residents receiving a home visit from her that she has mobility problems and cannot move them.

The BOH asked Ruth to inform Chairman Richard Alix she is taking sick or personal time off.

Ruth requested her Wednesday hours be changed from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) to 1 pm to 5 pm. The Board approved the change. Health Services hours will now be:

Monday	8 am - 12pm (noon), 1 pm – 3 pm, and home visits 3 pm – 5 pm
Tuesday	12 pm (noon) - 4 pm (administrative hours), 4 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday	1 pm – 5 pm
Thursday	8 am – 12 pm (noon), 1 pm – 3 pm, and home visits 3 pm – 5 pm

Ruth informed the BOH that the vaccination clinics were going well and that she had to spend extra time filling out the roster billing to receive a refund for vaccinations given to Medicare recipients. Danette Reynolds asked Ruth how much time is involved in filling out the roster billing forms and if the refund received is worth what the town spends for her time to receive it. Ruth does not know how long it takes her but feels the town benefits.

Permits
An installer's permit was approved for Barkus Excavating, Readsboro, VT

Transfer Station
The BOH received and approved a bid of $125.00 from Phil Buck to paint the swap shed steps and the new boards on the compactor shed.

The 2-compartment recycling boxes used by Rowe are severely corroded. Dick Alix will contact Jan Ameen (Franklin County Solid Waste Management District) to discuss replacing the boxes. Attendant Dick Tower believes having 2 separate boxes might result in decreased hauling costs as the boxes would be full when removed unlike the 2-compartment box that often has one side full and the other partially full.

Next Meeting: The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar