Town of Rowe – FY2007
Board of Health
Minutes – November 2, 2006

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Present: Dick Alix, Angela Foshay, Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar
Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner

Audience: Myra Carlow, Judy Pierce, Robin Reed

OLD BUSINESS

Town Nurse Practitioner: MIIA's agent for Rowe, Mick Garrold, was contacted concerning personal injury coverage for Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis treating patients during her off-hours (see minutes of October 10, 2006). Mr. Garrold was surprised that the town had a nurse practitioner writing prescriptions for town residents and was not certain MIIA would cover the town for this activity. Subsequent emails from Mr. Garrold (see attached) said that MIIA would cover the dispensing of medications but not the writing of prescriptions.

Selectman Myra Carlow has sent a letter to MIIA requesting clarification of the dispensing of medications. Copies of the certificate for Ruth's personal malpractice insurance and her job description were also sent (see attached). The Selectboard has instructed Town Administrator Ellen Babcock to contact other insurance companies for information on liability insurance for the town to cover the writing of prescriptions.

Until the matter is resolved, Ruth is to discontinue writing prescriptions. Supervising physician Dr. Richard Warner will be asked to countersign the prescription for the influenza vaccine for the remaining flu vaccination clinics.

NEW BUSINESS

Franklin Regional Council of Governments Annual Assessment: The BOH received notification from FRCOG that Health Agent Sharon White has accepted employment elsewhere and will no longer be able to do food, recreational camp and housing inspections for the town. FRCOG is presently trying to fill the health agent vacancy. The Board is concerned that the town would not be able to schedule inspections or receive information in a timely matter

The 2006 contract with FRCOG allows cancellation of the contract, for any reason, with 60 days notification. The BOH voted unanimously to terminate the contract with FRCOG. Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar will draft a letter of contract termination for the Board's review (see attached).

Health Agent: As the contract with Franklin Regional Council of Governments for food, recreational camp and housing inspections will be cancelled, the BOH unanimously approved appointing Title 5 Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke as Health Agent for Rowe.

It was noted that Lisa accompanied former Health Agent Sharon White on the inspections at Rowe Camp & Conference Center and Rowe Elementary School on October 25, 2006 at no cost to the town.

Septic Tank Pumping: The following pumping reports were received:

Name/Location	*Date*	*# of Gal*	*Condition*	*Pumper/hauler*
Mary Jo Phelps 145 Leshure Rd (M11 L37)	12-07-05	1500	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Lisa Burke 465 Tunnel Rd (M8 L2)	12-06-05	1500	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Mike Bradley 51 Middletown Hill Rd (M2 L12)	07-19-06	1376	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Pelham Lake Park	07-06-06	1000	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service

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Walter Quist 4 Ford Hill Rd (M11 L96)	07-07-06	1000	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Mike Bradley 51 Middletown Hill Rd (M2 L12)	07-07-06	1386	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Mike Bradley 51 Middletown Hill Rd (M2 L12)	06-23-06	589.5	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Rowe Elementary School 86 Pond Rd (M2 L8)	08-25-06	6500	n/a	Houghton Sanitary Service
Mitchell Soviecke 41 Davenport Rd (M6 L33)	10-13-06	1000	good	Houghton Sanitary Service
June Brown 110 County Rd (M4 L11)	10-13-06	1250	good	Houghton Sanitary Service
Mike Bradley 51 Middletown Hill Rd (M2 L12)	09-26-06	1500	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service
Michael Bradley 51 Middletown Hill Rd (M2 L12)	10-10-06	1500	n/a	Bostley Sanitary Service

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: Jan Ameen from FCSWMD informed Dick Alix that Rowe is the only town in the district using the 2-compartment recycling boxes. FCSWMD will supply Rowe with single compartment boxes at no cost, but if the town wishes to continue using 2-compartment boxes they will have to purchase their own. Ann Foshay and Dick Alix will meet at the Transfer Station to see where the facility could accommodate 2 recycling boxes.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar