Town of Rowe – FY2007
Board of Health
Minutes – November 8, 2006

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:18 am

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

Audience: No one

OLD BUSINESS

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: Jan Ameen from FCSWMD informed the Board that Rowe would save $1000.00 to $1500.00 annually by changing from a divided recycling box to 2 separate boxes

Transfer Station: Ann Foshay reported that 2 separate recycling boxes could be accommodated in the area presently occupied by the divided recycling box. The appliance recycling area would need to be moved so that trucks could access the boxes. The Board voted unanimously to change from a divided recycling box to 2 separate boxes provided that attendant Dick Tower approved of the change and the proposed location.

Attendant Dick Tower informed the BOH that a man he did not recognize brought refuse to the transfer station recently. When Dick questioned the individual as to where he lived, Dick was told that the person was a friend of a town resident and was bringing trash to the Transfer Station for them. Dick later found that the individual had unloaded used, oily automotive parts into the can/bottle/plastic recycling box. The Board will work on a draft of a letter to town residents informing them that a resident must accompany any contractor/hired help/friend bringing refuse to the Transfer Station for them.

The Transfer Station presently has a porta-potty that costs the town ~~$90.00~~ $124.00 DRR-G per month. The Board will investigate more economical options such as a composting toilet. Dick Alix will contact a family in town that has a composting toilet for more information on the devices.

Health Services: As the town's insurer, MIIA, will not cover the town for prescription writing by Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis, the Board of Selectmen asked Town Administrator Ellen Babcock to contact other insurance companies for this insurance coverage. It was found that many companies will not provide the insurance unless a doctor is on site. The coverage could be found with specialty companies at a much higher cost. Applications to Shand Morahan & Company, INC and RSUI Group, INC have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

2007 Budget: The Selectboard has requested that preliminary departmental budgets be submitted to them by December 5, 2006. The BOH will meet on November 28, 2006 at 9:00 am to work on their budget.

In order to justify the budget for Health Services at the annual town meeting in May 2007, the BOH will request that Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis keep a weekly time log documenting the patients she has seen along with the length of each visit. This information will also be used to project future needs for Health Services.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2006 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

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