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

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

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

Audience: Cindy Laffond, Judy Pierce

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
The FY08 budget was discussed.

Salaries: Salaries will increase by 2%

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD): Dick Alix will speak with Jan Ameen of the FCSWMD about the $50.00 per month fee charged to Rowe for the new recycling bins FCSWMD bought.

BOH clerk Ellen Babcock will find out what Rowe's assessment will be for FY08.

Transfer Station: Dick Alix will request a quote from carpenter Steve Crowningshield to remodel a potion of the recycling shed to accommodate a composting toilet.

The BOH will find out the cost of replacing the compactor and the feasibility of putting money aside each year to pay for its replacement.

Board of Health Operations: As the BOH no longer uses the services of Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) for food and housing inspections, the funds that would normally be allocated for FRCOG will be added to the BOH operations account to be used to pay the new Health Officer, Lisa Danek Burke.

Health Services: Dick Alix recused himself from discussion of the Health Services budget.
The BOH will request Ruth Loomis, Town Nurse Practitioner, to deduct the cost of influenza vaccine and syringes used for the vaccine to be deducted from her budget. The supplies will be paid for using funds from a revolving account set up specifically for influenza vaccine and related items.
The BOH is considering the following reductions in the Health Services budget:

$595.00 for licenses and memberships for the nurse practitioner

Reducing the continuing education reimbursement for the nurse practitioner from $2300.00 to $1300.00

The Board has spoken with several nurses, doctors, clinic administrators and hospital administrators and found that nurses are generally responsible for the cost of their licenses and memberships. Full-time nurse practitioners in the western Massachusetts area receive, at the most, $1,000.00 yearly for continuing education. Ms Loomis has been receiving, and is requesting for FY08, $2300.00 for continuing education while employed part-time.

Malpractice insurance: Estimated cost for Ms Loomis' medical malpractice insurance is $1200.00. The BOH will request a copy of the current insurance policy and look into reducing the cost to the town.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

Richard Alix, Chairman

Angela Foshay

Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

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