Town of Rowe – FY2007
Board of Health
Minutes – January 23, 2007

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

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

Audience: Jodi Brown, Ruth Loomis, Judy Pierce, Kris Swenson

OLD BUSINESS
Minutes: The minutes of the December 8 and 14, 2006 and January 3 and 9, 2007 were approved and signed as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS
Transfer Station: The BOH will ask Jan Ameen of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District how the money earned from recycling in Rowe compares with other towns in the district. In an effort to reduce the number of times the plastic/can/bottle recycling bin has to be hauled, the BOH will put a notice in the Goal Post asking residents to deposit returnable bottles and cans in the bins next to the compactor shed.

Ann Foshay received information on the program "Keep Books Out of the Trash" which will provide collection bins for discarded books and collect them when full. The program is free. The BOH will request more information on this program.

Transfer Station Attendant: Dick Tower, Transfer Station Attendant, is formally on leave while he undergoes knee surgery and rehabilitation. Dick was told that the Board appreciates all that he does at the Transfer Station and his job will be kept for him until he recovers. Ted Palmer and Deb and Jim Lively will be filling in for Dick.

Water Testing Results: The following test results were received from Berkshire Enviro-Labs:

Location	*Date*	*Result*
Rowe Camp & Conference Center		
Farmhouse Kitchen	12-06-06	All results within normal range
Rec Hall Kitchen	12-06-06	All results within normal range
Pelham Lake Park		
Outside Fountain	07-03-06, 08-02-06, 09-06-06	
	10-04-06, 11-01-06	All results within normal range
Town Hall	07-05-06, 08-02-06, 09-06-06	
	10-04-06, 11-01-06	All results within normal range
Avery Fountain	07-03-06, 08-02-06, 09-06-06	
	10-04-06, 11-01-06	All results within normal range

Permits: The following permits were issued:

Septic Pumper/Hauler
Bostley Sanitary Service, Colrain, MA
A-1 Enterprises, Bernardston, MA

Food Establishment
Rowe Elementary School

Installer
James H Williams, Rowe, MA

An application for a Bed & Breakfast Permit and Caterer's License were received from Becky Bradley, Maple House Bed & Breakfast. Health Agent Lisa Danek Burke will be asked to inspect the facility before permits can be issued.

Health Services: Jodi Brown asked the BOH if the letter she sent in late 2006 had been read aloud at a meeting. Danette Reynolds told her no, that due to health problems with some Board members (and their subsequent absence from meetings) at the time of the letter it was not read at a meeting. Ms Reynolds apologized and told Mrs Brown that it would be read at the next meeting.

Town Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis asked the Board about her requests for tapes of November 2006 meetings; that there seemed to have been a delay in answering her requests. Ms Loomis said that she contacted Board of Health Clerk Ellen Babcock about receiving a copy of a November meeting tape and was informed that Ms Babcock did not do the minutes. Ms Loomis asked the Board to write a policy on requesting information from the Board. Danette Reynolds told Ms Loomis that she did not have copies of all the requests with her but would type up a timeline of the requests and give a copy to Ms Loomis. Ms Reynolds also reminded Ms Loomis that all requests were responded to within the ten days required by law. Ms Loomis asked if she could listen to the old tapes even though she knew they were being reused (and therefore taped over) and that the labels had been removed. The BOH told her that she could, but would have to listen to them at the Town Hall in the presence of someone from the main office. Ms Loomis was also informed that the labels had been removed from the tapes.

The Board needs to speak to the town's computer consultant, Horace Moody, about a new computer for Health Services.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Danette Reynolds-Gallaghar

Approved:

(absent)
Richard Alix, Chairman

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