Town of Rowe – FY2009
Board of Health
Minutes – Nov. 6, 2008

Call to order: 7:01 PM

Present: Dan Poplawski (chairperson); Angela Foshay; Linda Bickford (clerk)

Audience: none

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OLD BUSINESS:
Minutes: Minutes approved and signed.
Transfer Station:
Mohawk School district: Recycling program on hold. Waiting for city of Buckland to approve program. Buckland wants to make sure that every city affected is in agreement before committing to the program. They have been informed of Rowe's acceptance of this program. Town of Rowe will be contacted at program start up.
Electrical work: Palmeri Electric and Jerry Ferguson will be asked (by Dan) to re-bid for electrical work at transfer station. Town of Rowe will omit some of the previous requested items (moving electrical box). Their bids should address needed wiring only. The town will also explore the cost of replacing the floodlight that is mounted to the trash compactor due to the time change and the onset of darkness during open hours of operation.
Construction: notified by Larry Hansen from DEP that town must acquire a permit before excavation at the transfer station. Inspection set for Nov. 7, 2008 to acquire required permit for construction. During this inspection they will also address the possible leaching of waste into adjacent brook.
Health office:
Lending of equipment: Release form for residents to sign when borrowing equipment has all ready been approved by town council for the Council on Aging equipment lending program. There is no need to resubmit to council for second approval. Town nurse will be responsible for the sanitation of equipment that is lent to people not considered seniors. Jody Brown will be responsible for the sanitation of equipment for senior citizens through the Council on Aging.

NEW BUSINESS:
Town Meeting: Board reviewed job BOH clerk job description for presentation at a special town meeting. The Board will ask for line item transfer of $2,061 to accommodate clerk expenses for the duration of the current fiscal year. This will include a 10 hour per week availability if needed. BOH will ask for permission to pay $975 to health agent Lisa Danek Burke for pending misplaced invoice from June 2008. Dan Poplawski will act as BOH representative.
Wood burning boilers: Currently there is no moratorium on wood burning boilers. State compliance will begin on Jan. 1, 2009. It is not known what compliance issues will be expected of installations made by residents of wood boilers prior to this date.
Mail:
Training and seminar announcements: All training, certification and seminar information will now be posted on the bulletin board in the office. Only seminars that there is an interest to attend will be reviewed at scheduled meetings. A price quote for a larger bulletin board will be reviewed at the next BOH meeting.
Incoming mail: It has been requested that all incoming mail be put in appropriate basket on desk in BOH office so that no pending mail is lost, misplaced or becomes outdated.
Transfer Station:
Inspection: Notification by Jan Ameen that inspection of transfer station has been completed. Everything was in compliance.
Poster: Ann Foshay will ask Rowe school to make informational poster for transfer station to inform public about materials that are and are not recyclable.

Roll-a-ways: After further review by the Board, and at the suggestion of Franklyn County Waste Management, payment for the new roll-a-ways will consistently be drawn from the MRF budget instead of being taken out of the operations budget in the upcoming fiscal years as previously designated.
Invoices: Two invoices for health office approved and passed on to clerk for warrant submission.
Pumping reports: Williams College; 2,500 gallons; tank condition good. Brian Donelson, Potter Rd. 1,500 gallons unable to access tank to determine condition.
Inspections:
Rowe School: On previous inspection (Oct. 27, 2008) water not hot enough. Re-inspected Nov. 6, 2008 with everything being in compliance.
Pending Inspection: Rowe camp, Nov. 10, 2008 Farm house kitchen.
Bryant Property: Inspection of Bryant property inconclusive with sample being sent to state lab for testing. Ann Foshay and Cathy Snyder were attacked by dog on property while in attendance at inspection. Dog broke loose from restraints and backed them up against their vehicle and also ripped the pants of the engineer that was present at inspection. Dog officer was called but owner came and put dog inside before dog officer arrived on property. There was no social interaction by resident towards BOH members before during or after incident.
Health Clinic: Monthly summary reviewed. There were 126 client encounters compared to last month's 52 client encounters. BOH clerk was asked to maintain ongoing graph to display clinic usage.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 18, 2008 7:00 PM

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bickford
Board of Health Clerk

Approved:
Daniel P. Poplawski
Daniel Poplawski, Chairman

Cathy Snyder
Cathy Snyder, Board member

Angela F. Foshay
Angela Foshay, Board member