

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, October 26, 2017, 3:00 pm

Egremont Town Hall

Members Present: Charles Ogden, Ellen Maggio

Also Present: Mike Ignace/Wilkinson Excavating, Richard Burdsall/121 Baldwin Hill South Jayne Smith/Health Agent, Mike Parsons/Kelly, Granger & Parsons

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The minutes from the October 12, 2017 meeting were accepted with two corrections.

2) **Burdsall/121 Baldwin Hill South** A Title 5 inspection was recently performed. The system is believed to be at least 45 years old and is undersized for the number of bedrooms in the house. A 2000 gallon concrete tank was installed in 1995. Home hasn't been occupied in 3 years. It was ascertained during the inspection that the orangeburg pipe in the two trenches were installed with the holes facing up instead of down. The static level in the dbox was high at one point, but the cause could have been the improperly installed pipes. Mike Ignace of Wilkinson Excavating suggested that replacing the pipe would pass the system as there wasn't any other failure criteria observed. After continued questions and discussion, motion was made, seconded and vote taken (2-0) to schedule a deep hole to determine estimated seasonal high groundwater.. If system is in ground water, system will fail. If not, the Title 5 will be a conditional pass and Wilkinson will make repairs to pipe to remediate.

3) **Wilson/159 Jug End Road** Mike Parson of Kelly, Granger & Parson presented draft septic upgrade plans. Board reviewed plans and granted Juliette authority to approve the variance request of a one foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance.

4) **Houghton/54 Lakeside Drive** Second well test showed presence of both total and e. coli bacteria. Enforcement Order to remediate well issues was issued. Juliette has been in contact with homeowner and reported that homeowner has agreed to take steps to remediate.

5) **Zaolina/36 Second Street** Enforcement Order to have a Title 5 inspection of the septic system was issued.

6) **Possible polystyrene ban** One case of java jackets were delivered to the North Egremont Store. While Egremont's two coffee sellers may not use polystyrene in the future, polystyrene take-out containers were not given consideration. Juliette will check on what Egremont food establishments are using for take-out.

7) **North Egremont Store** Jayne reported her recent regular inspection of North Egremont Store went extremely well. The new three-bay sink is being used and has proven to be helpful in their food preparation. Jayne also reviewed the procedures for the new food items they would like to add to their menu (all brought quickly to proper temperatures in counter top roaster) and approved all with the exception of the chicken soup with added raw chicken.

8) **Inn at Sweetwater Farm** The owners inquired whether breakfasts could be served and sold to outside guests. They do not currently have a three-bay sink and there is no exhaust system in their kitchen. If they want to pursue expanding their food service from what they are currently doing, the Building Inspector and Fire Chief will need to weigh in. Jayne will inform owners of these needs. If they want to proceed they will need to draw out plan and present to board.

8) **37 Main Street** Juliette recently witnessed this Title 5 inspection. Home has been unoccupied for at least two years. As no failure criteria was observed, a letter will be attached to the report from the Board of Health stating the system is old and undersized.

9) **Upcoming EBOH meeting schedule** Factoring in the upcoming holidays the BoH will meet on November 9th and December 14th. Meeting adjourned 4:15 pm.

Approved JS Haas
11/9/2017