

## Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:00 am

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose (via Zoom), Ellen Maggio

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He introduced members and staff present either in person or on Zoom and noted that the meeting was being recorded. The recording will be available on the town website. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the December 1, 2022 meeting as modified. Vote taken by members present at that meeting; Chairman Ogden and Member Maggio. **Vote taken: 2-0. Minutes adopted as modified.** Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the December 15, 2022 was made as corrected and modified. Vote taken by members present at the meeting; Chairman Ogden and Member Rose. **Vote taken: 2-0. Minutes adopted as corrected and modified.**
  
- 2) **COVID/FLU/RSV**

Covid rates have been steadily climbing since Thanksgiving.  
Statewide 14-day % positivity of Covid: 9.92% (up from 7.76% at time of previous meeting)  
Berkshire County 14-day % positivity of Covid: 9% (up from 6.54% at time of previous meeting)  
Berkshire County is currently in the CDC yellow/medium risk of Covid. A sign has been placed on the door of Town Hall encouraging visitors to mask while in the building. Due to the increasing rates of Covid the Board instructed Director Haas to issue another townwide email communication to the public including a message on prevention measures and availability of masks and rapid home testing kits at Town Hall. Director Haas will send the Board a draft for their review before posting.  
Member Maggio asked if information could be found on local medical care for pediatric respiratory cases.
  
- 3) **Recent Field Work**

Septic installation inspections/15 Hickory Hill/Juliette  
Cabins and bath houses demolition/50 Prospect Lake Road/Juliette  
Home demolition/7 Mill Road/Juliette
  
- 4) **FY2024 Budget** Motion made and seconded to level fund the budget at \$4500. **Vote taken: 3-0.**
  
- 5) **Short term rentals** Chairman Ogden suggested the Board consider issuing a letter to all registered short-term rental properties on policies and procedures related to proper recycling, hours of operation and use of the Egremont Transfer Station. Director Haas was asked to compile a mailing list of all current short-term rentals with owner contact information to begin this process.
  
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. The next meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Juliette Haas  
Approved 1/19/2023