

**Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023, 10:30 am**

**Egremont Town Hall**

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

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. He introduced members and staff present either in person or on Zoom. He also noted that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording will be available on the town website. Motion made and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from March 9, 2023 with corrections. **Vote taken by members present at that meeting (Ogden/Rose): 2-0. Minutes adopted as corrected.**
  
- 2) **COVID/Flu/RSV**  
Berkshire County is currently in CDC green/low risk for COVID  
Statewide COVID 14-day % positivity: 7.2% (down from 7.69% from previous meeting)  
Berkshire County COVID 14-day % positivity is more than twice the rate from the last meeting: 12.6% (up from 5.77% from previous meeting)  
Biobot testing data from the Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment facility doubled from the last meeting: 1.7 million copies/L (up from 650K copies/L from last meeting). As a comparison, the high for the year was 2.2 million copies/L in mid-January.  
Flu & RSV data were not reported.
  
- 3) **The Barn/EVI Temporary Food Permit** A second temporary food permit was issued. The new kitchen at The Barn will be inspected later today. Assuming that passes, an annual permit will be issued.
  
- 4) **Restaurant ADA Compliance** Director Haas spoke to Ned Baldwin, Egremont Building Inspector on this topic. A change in title doesn't trigger ADA compliance upgrades. A restaurant must meet ADA compliance when a building permit is requested over a certain amount of money or over a level of the building's current assessment.
  
- 5) **Recent Field Work:**  
33 Bow Wow Road/Title 5/Alliance – 2 systems at property. One failed. One conditional pass. The current owners plan to upgrade with one system serving the entire house
  
- 6) **State Opioid Lawsuit Settlement** There are two opioid treatment and prevention facilities in Berkshire County – one in Great Barrington and one in Pittsfield. Director Haas will provide information on both to the BOH who will then make their recommendation to receive Egremont's settlement funds to the Select Board.
  
- 7) **Upcoming newsletter submission** Submissions for the next Egremont newsletter are due March 27<sup>th</sup>. The BOH agreed to have an article on spring maintenance: testing well water and having septic tank pumped and septic tank filter cleaned.
  
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am. The next March meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am.

Juliette Haas  
Approved 3/23/2023