

**Egremont Board of Health**

**July 28, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**Meeting Held in Person at Town Hall and Zoom**

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

**Others Attending:** Al Thorp, Accord Engineering, Michael Straher, 24 Lakeside Drive

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. He introduced those present, either in person or on Zoom, and stated the meeting was being recorded. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote taken: 2-0-1. Member Rose abstained.
  
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Chairman Ogden, noting the presence of septic engineer Al Thorp and property owner Michael Straher, stated the board was prepared to vote on the revised septic upgrade plans of July 1, 2022. He thanked Mr. Thorp for making the necessary revisions requested by the EBOH during the long review process. Director Haas stated that because of the very small size of the lots and numerous presumptions during construction (amount of naturally occurring soil, if ledge will be an issue and cause a change to the location of the septic components, groundwater separation of the inlet and outlet tee on the tank) and concerns of the environmental sensitivity of the plot she is requesting Mr. Thorp be on site during crucial times during construction. The plans state the installer is to contact the engineer and the BOH if changes are to be made. Mr. Thorp stated he will do everything he can to coordinate with installer during construction. Chairman Ogden, feeling two separate motions were needed to cover the many aspects of the approval and stating that similar Local Upgrade Approvals (LUAs) have been granted in the past by the EBOH, made the following motion:  
**Motion #1:** move to grant the following LUAs under maximum feasible compliance for the Straher/24 Lakeside Drive septic design dated July 1, 2022: 50% size reduction of Soil Absorption System (SAS), 1.25 foot reduction in depth to naturally occurring pervious material, reduction of system location setback from SAS to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (14' provided), reduction of system location setback from the Treatment Unit and Pump Chamber to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (2' provided), reduction of 12-inch separation between inlet and outlet tees and high groundwater, reduction of system location setback from pump chamber to property line. Motion was seconded. **Vote taken: 3-0 PASS.**  
**Motion #2:** move to approve the septic system designed by Al Thorp of Accord Engineering for Straher/24 Lakeside Drive, dated July 1, 2022. This approval is conditional on the two lots being joined as one lot and a deed restriction limiting the house to 2 bedrooms. These conditions shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds prior to the issuance of the Disposal System Construction permit. Motion was seconded. **Vote taken: 3-0 PASS.**
  
- 3) **COVID-19**  
Berkshire County's infection rate is still rated "Green/Low" by the CDC  
14-day Statewide percent positivity: 7.94% (up from 5.52% from previous meeting)  
14-day countywide percent positivity: 7.96% (up from 5.54 from previous meeting)

Dr. Rose will compose a community communication which speaks to the recommended anti-viral treatments available. Director Haas will insert local and state links and add the message to the town's website on BOH page.

4) **Recent Field Work**

Septic Installation/11 Westerhook/Juliette

Title 5/Ridge Road/Juliette/conditional pass as dbox needs work and sump pump in basement needs to be capped and rerouted

Perc/33 Mt Washington Rd/Alliance

Title 5/20 Blunt Road/Alliance/pass

Title 5/25 Millard Road/Juliette/pass

Septic Installation/Phillips Rd/Juliette

5) **De Lacy/10 Prospect Lake Road** The grass has been cut.

6) **Emerging Communicable Diseases** The board will discuss at a future meeting the growing concern of monkey pox and the detection of polio.

7) The August schedule for EBOH meetings will be August 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 am. Vote taken: 3-0 PASS.

*Approved 8/11/2022*

*JSHAas*