

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, August 31, 2023, 10:30 am

Egremont Town Hall and Zoom

Members Present: Dr. Bill Rose (via Zoom), Ellen Maggio

Guests: Nancy Slattery, Berkshire Health Alliance (BHA), Sandra Martin, BHA, Lydia Shulman, BHA, Peggy Muskrat, COA, Mary McGurn (Via Zoom), Jim Dipisa (Via Zoom), Marcia Arland (Via Zoom)

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) In the absence of Chairman Charles Ogden, BOH Director Juliette Haas (JH) called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Juliette Haas interim Chairman until Chairman Ogden returns from medical leave. **Vote Taken: 3-0 in favor (Rose, Maggio, Haas).** JH introduced those present at Town Hall and those on Zoom and stated the meeting was being recorded. The recording will be made available on the town website after the meeting concludes. Adoption of the minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) **Black Bear Holding LLC/23 Whites Hill Road** The 3rd round of revised septic design plans were sent to MassDEP for review where no remaining issues were found. The plans were approved by the BOH and All Star Excavating will be issued a permit for the installation.
- 3) **Berkshire Health Alliance Presentation** Alliance public health nurse Nancy Slattery discussed the following upcoming programs:
 - **Flu Clinic** – scheduled for Tuesday October 3rd at Egremont Town Hall from 3 pm – 6 pm. Pre-registration through the Color online registration portal will be required although those who show up without preregistering will be asked to wait until the end of the clinic to ensure enough vaccine is available. COVID boosters may be available although it won't be known until closer to the event. It was discussed if a FAQ sheet could be composed to answer the many questions residents will have about COVID boosters (timing, variant in vaccine). Both flu and COVID vaccines can also be made available for homebound residents and their families.
 - **Egremont Senior Programming** Nancy and Peg Muskrat of the Egremont COA discussed potential programming for Egremont seniors including monthly blood pressure clinics and Matter of Balance classes. Nancy will attend a future COA luncheon.
 - **Infectious Disease Report** Nancy distributed an infectious disease report for the Town of Egremont. In 2022 a total of 75 diseases were reported and tracked. Those diseases included: tick borne (babesiosis, Lyme, anaplasmosis) norovirus, campylobacteriosis, hepatitis C, influenza, and novel coronavirus (SARS, MERS). For 2023, 9 diseases have been reported to date.
- 4) **Town Property Well** The well drilling has been completed on the town property behind Town Hall. The well is 500 feet deep with a 1 gallon-per-minute yield. Samples were taken and will be tested for bacteria and PFAS levels.
- 5) **10 Mountainview Road/Short-Term Rental Noise Complaint** A letter was sent to the owners of 10 Mountainview Road regarding noise complaints from an abutter. The owner responded stating they are now aware of the situation and will inform their guests of noise concerns. Sandra Martin of the Alliance stated the Alliance can lend a community a noise meter if needed to record decibel levels.
- 6) **Catamount Proposed Subdivision** SK Design has submitted Preliminary Design Plans for an eleven-home subdivision on Jenssen Road overlooking Catamount. The BOH will invite Jim Scalise of SK Design to a future BOH meeting to discuss the runoff and stormwater design included in the plans.
- 7) **Recent Field Work**
 - Harmony Market (formerly Country Market in South Egremont)/Alliance/new food permit issued
 - 68 Shun Toll Road/final inspection of new septic system/Juliette

- 8) **104 Mt Washington Road** The Board reviewed septic system upgrade plans submitted by Berkshire Engineering. The perc was 2 minutes per inch (mpi), groundwater was 38 inches, and the system will employ 24 Eljen modules. Motion made and seconded to approve a 1-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. **Vote taken: 3-0 pass.** Plans approved.
- 9) The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am. The September meeting schedule will be September 14th and 28th.

Juliette Haas
APPROVED
9/14/2023