

## **Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, September 8, 2022, 10:00 am**

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

**Also in Attendance:** Julia Rasch, Baldwin Hill South

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. He introduced board and staff members present either in person or on Zoom. He noted the meeting was being recorded and the recording will be available on the town's website. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the August 25, 2022 meeting with one minor correction. **Vote taken: 3-0 PASS.**
  
- 2) **COVID/Monkey Pox Updates**

Current CDC Risk Level for COVID in Berkshire County has risen to Yellow/Medium. The board asked Director Haas to place a sign at on the door at Town Hall stating the higher risk level and place a basket of masks near the door for voluntary use.

14-day % positivity rate statewide: 7.88% (down slightly from last meeting)

14-day % positivity rate Berkshire County: 8.5% (down slightly from last meeting)

Monkey Pox rates have declined. Director Haas was asked to find a source for local infection rates
  
- 3) **October 3<sup>rd</sup> Alliance Flu Clinic at French Park**

Higher dose/senior flu vaccine will be available

Unknown at this time if the new Omicron/bivalent COVID vaccine will be available.

Director Haas was asked to inquire with the Alliance staff and check if a preregistration system will be set up
  
- 4) **Portable Toilets**

No new information available at this time. The topic will be put on the agenda for the next meeting
  
- 5) **Recent Field Work**

Title 5/270 Hillsdale Road/Juliette/Pass

Food inspection/Little Cat Lodge/awaiting results from inspection. Director Haas will make this a priority as restaurant has had a "soft" opening and plans to be open this weekend
  
- 6) **Lee/McGee Road** The board reviewed and approved the septic plans for new construction designed by Hill Engineering.
  
- 7) **Bernstein/Moses/Blunt Road** The board reviewed the septic plans designed by Accord Engineering to replace the failed system. Motion made and seconded to grant the requested one-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater LUA under maximum feasible compliance. **Vote taken 3-0 PASS.**

- 8) **Bartlett/78 Boice Road** New homeowners are hoping to build an addition to the current home which is served by a 3-bedroom septic system. While the proposed new addition has a new main bedroom suite with a family room below and the bedrooms on the existing home will be reconfigured to two bedrooms, the board felt the family room layout did not meet the definition of a Title 5 bedroom and the home load will be kept within the three-bedroom design. Director Haas will sign off on their building permit.
  
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>.

JSHAas  
*Approved 9/29/2022*