

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 10:30 am

Egremont Town Hall and Zoom

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

Guests: James Scalise, SK Design, Mary McGurn, Egremont Planning Board

- 1) Interim Chairperson/Director Juliette Haas (JH) called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. JH announced all present either in-person or on Zoom and stated the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting as presented. **Vote Taken: 3-0 in favor (Rose, Maggio, Haas).** A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the August 31, 2023 meeting with minor corrections. **Vote Taken: 3-0 in favor (Rose, Maggio, Haas)**
- 2) **Jenssen Road & Fisher Lane/Catamount Preliminary Plan Review** James (Jim) Scalise of SK Design spoke to the preliminary plans for a Jenssen Road/Catamount subdivision which shows 11 new homes with individually drilled private wells. Because of the potential nitrogen loading rate and the ACEC concerns a shared septic system is being proposed with each home having a septic tank on-site and a sewer main running underneath the road to the shared leach field. Title 5 requires a homeowner legal agreement for all shared systems and in this case may be included in a broader Homeowners Association (HOA) agreement. As the proposed homes will be sited on lots running from an elevation of 1300 feet to 1000 feet (with the leach field at 975 feet) questions were asked about road improvements, runoff precaution measures, and protection of the watershed. At this point, the preliminary plans show an unpaved road with a "chip-seal" surface. Side drains on the road will take runoff to various drains leading to an existing pond. The Planning Board is scheduled to perform a site inspection on September 28th. Mr. Scalise asked the Board to submit any comments they may have to the Egremont Planning Board and stated septic plans are not expected to be submitted for another 2 – 3 months.
- 3) **Town Property Well** The water test from the new well has not been received yet.
- 4) **Recent Field Work**
 - 23 Whites Hill Road/septic installation completed/Juliette
 - 185 Hillsdale Road/perc/Alliance
 - 100 Hillsdale Road/perc/Alliance
 - 93 Undermountain Road/Dbox replacement/Juliette
 - 20 Taconic/Title 5/pass/Alliance
 - 6 Fisher Lane/Title 5/requires new dbox/Alliance
- 5) The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28th.

Juliette Haas
Approved
9/28/2023