

## **Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, September 29, 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 10:02 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 September 8, 2022 meeting with minor corrections. **Vote taken: 3-0 PASS.**
  
- 2) **COVID/Monkey Pox Updates**
  - Director Haas has been unable to locate a site which provides Berkshire County statistics on monkey pox infections. The CDC website lists infections by state. Monkey pox infection rates are 50% lower than the high at the beginning of summer 2022
  - COVID 14-day % positivity rate statewide: 7.44% (down slightly from last meeting)
  - COVID 14-day % positivity rate Berkshire County: 9.48% (up from last meeting)
  - Registration for the upcoming Flu/Covid clinic has been brisk. Director Haas will be working the clinic as a scribe
  - Director Haas was asked by the board to send a community email on the availability of Covid testing kits and a limited number of infrared thermometers
  
- 3) **Portable Toilets** Director Haas has not received information from neighboring towns as to whether they have portable toilet regulations. As the board felt that portable toilets are frequently used (parties, construction sites, etc.), maintained well by the vendors, and very few complaints have been received in the past, no local regulation is needed at this time.
  
- 4) **Recent Field Work**
  - Title 5/38 Rowe Road/Alliance/pass
  - Perc/29 Warner Road/Alliance
  
- 5) **Little Cat Lodge** An Egremont food permit was issued to this establishment on September 9, 2022.
  
- 6) **Resnikoff/15 Hickory Hill Road** The board reviewed the plans presented by Kelly, Granger & Parsons for an upgraded septic system. The plans call for a gravity system, installation of a new 1500 2-compartment concrete septic tank and include the use of Eljen modules in the leach field. Motion made and seconded to allow a 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. **Vote taken: 3-0 Pass**
  
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. The upcoming meeting schedule will be October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17.

JSHAas  
*Approved 10/6/2022*