

## **Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, October 6, 2022, 10:00 am**

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

**Also in Attendance:** Julia Rasch (Resident), George McGurn (Select Board), Al Thorp (Accord Engineering)

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. He introduced board and staff members present either in person or on Zoom. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the September 29, 2022 meeting with corrections. **Vote taken: 3-0 PASS.**
  
- 2) **50 Prospect Lake Rd LLC** Al Thorp presented utility upgrade and design detail plans for the former campground property and spoke to future changes to the septic load. As presented, the future load will be under 10,000 gallons per day and move the approving authority from MassDEP to the EBOH. The campground will go from 125 sites to 40 sites which will significantly reduce the load. A future restaurant with 65 seats is being planned. Director Haas brought up the failed septic system at the former 46 Prospect Lake Rd. That system must be upgraded within two years of the Title 5 date if the dwelling is occupied. In the past periodic testing on the system displayed elevated BOD and TSS and the BOH had complaints on odors emanating from the treatment tank. It is hoped the reduction to the load and no incoming RV dumping will help this situation. A Disposal System Construction Permit is pending for the installation of two new pumps and sewer lines. The board gave their go ahead to issue the permit for this request.
  
- 3) **COVID Updates**
  - COVID 14-day % positivity rate statewide: 7.68% (up slightly from last meeting)
  - COVID 14-day % positivity rate Berkshire County: 9.32% (down slightly from last meeting)
  - The CDC risk level for Berkshire County is HIGH. The sign will remain on the door at Town Hall until the risk level is lowered to LOW.
  - The turnout for the recent Flu/COVID clinic at French Park was excellent. 135 participants with just over 200 shots given. Kudos to the staff. Pre-registration was helpful, but registration times were not managed well causing a 10 – 15 minute wait during the first hour. This is an event we hope to offer in the future.
  - While residents have been coming into the BOH office requesting test kits and thermometers a good supply remains.
  
- 4) **Alliance Grant/Possible PFAS testing on wells near the Town Hall well** Chairman Ogden directed Director Haas to verify with Town Counsel if Alliance grant funds can be used for well water testing on private wells. Member Rose saw the Public Health value in testing for PFAS in the community and felt it was a good use of funds. Select Board Chairman George McGurn stated if homeowners wanted to test their wells they can. Julia Rasch stated she believes if PFAS is identified in a well the owner is then obligated to correct or remediate. The board will discuss further once Town Counsel has given his opinion.
  
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. The next meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

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*Approved 10/20/2022*