

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, October 12, 2023, 10:30 am

Egremont Town Hall and Zoom

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

Also Present: James DiPisa

- 1) Returning from a medical absence, Chairman Charles Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. He introduced all present either in-person or on Zoom and stated the meeting was being recorded via Zoom. Director Haas informed the Board that her short tenure as Interim Chair during Chairman Ogden's medical absence was not intended to be a way of acting as her own supervisor. The error was inadvertent and will be avoided in the future if such a situation should occur again. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the September 28, 2023 meeting with one correction. **Vote Taken: 3-0 in favor.**
- 2) **Recent Flu/Covid Clinic** Approximately 175 people attended the recent vaccination clinic. According to PH Nurse Leslie Dragger, 141 Covid and 123 flu shots were administered. The town hall location worked well, but in the future, it might be best to start after town hall closes – 3:30 or 4:00 pm.
- 3) **Private Homeowners Testing for PFAS/PFOA Compounds** Four private homeowners in the immediate vicinity of Town Hall have contacted the BOH stating they will perform PFAS/PFOA testing on their private wells. In addition to the North Egremont Fire House and Highway Department well testing (where no levels of PFAS compounds were detected) these results will be part of an area testing map.
- 4) **Recent Field Work**

66 Main Street/installation of field/Juliette inspected
48 Lakeside Drive/Title 5/Alliance inspected
- 5) **BCBOHA dinner** Ellen Maggio and Juliette Haas will be attending the Fall BCBOHA dinner scheduled for tonight October 12th. The speaker will be Susan Waite of MassDEP Solid Waste and Recycling Division.
- 6) **Amon/Cohen/6 Gilbert Road** The Board reviewed and approved septic upgrade plans submitted by Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates. The proposed system is for an existing 3-bedroom home. The leach field will be four rows with a total of 28 Biodiffusers and a 1500 gallon two-compartment tank will be installed. A motion was made and seconded to grant a one-foot reduction to estimated season high groundwater Local Upgrade Approval based on maximum feasible compliance. **Vote taken: 3-0 in favor.**
- 7) **Koota Living Trust/Terra Ferma Drive** The Board reviewed and approved septic plans for new construction submitted by White Engineering.
- 8) The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26th.

Juliette Haas
Approved 11/13/2023