

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 11:00 am

Egremont Town Hall

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

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. He introduced board and staff members present either in person or on Zoom and noted the meeting was being recorded with the recording available on the town website. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the October 6, 2022 meeting with one minor correction. **Vote taken: 3-0 Pass**

- 2) COVID/Monkey Pox Update
Monkey Pox vaccination is now available to individuals under the age of 18. Guidance is available on the CDC website.
CDC Risk level for COVID: currently YELLOW. The board requested an advisory sign on the door of Town Hall when risk level is yellow or red.
Statewide COVID 14-day % positivity: 7.87% (up from 7.68% last meeting)
Berkshire County 14-day % positivity: 10.22% (up from 9.32% from last meeting)

- 3) **Alliance Grant/PFAS testing** Chairman Ogden contacted Laura Kittross of the Berkshire Public Health Alliance to get more information on the Alliance mini-grant program. Grant funding is up to \$3500 and is available to all Alliance communities in good standing. Egremont is eligible. The funds are COVID vaccination insurance reimbursements that have not been spent. Eligible projects for funding are wide, and while the guidelines of the grant don't speak to PFAS testing specifically, it does not disallow. After further discussion, the board felt they would like to pursue applying for the grant to test the following municipal wells for PFAS due to the known levels of PFAS in the Town Hall well: North Egremont Fire House, Highway Garage and South Egremont Fire House for an anticipated cost of \$2100. Motion made and seconded to apply for Alliance grant funding for this purpose. **Vote taken: 3-0 Pass.** Director Haas was asked to fill out the application and email the board a draft for review. Once approved, the application will go to the Select Board and Egremont grant coordinator Peg McDonough for review. Chairman Ogden will speak to this at a future Select Board meeting.

- 4) **Recent Field Work:**
Title 5/186 Baldwin Hill North/Alliance/Pass
Perc/new construction/Undermountain Road/Alliance
Perc/repair/101 Hillsdale Road/Alliance

- 5) **Upcoming BCBOHA Fall Dinner** The tentative date is December 8. Location in Pittsfield is to be determined.

- 6) Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am. The November meeting schedule will be November 3rd and 17th. Any future third Thursday meetings will start at 11:00 am.

JSHAas
Approved