

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, November 3, 2022, 10:00 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 10:03 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 20, 2022 meeting with modification discussed. **Vote taken: 3-0 Pass.**

- 2) **COVID Update**
 - CDC Covid risk level: currently low/green
 - Statewide Covid 14-day percentage positivity: 7.19% (down from previous meeting)
 - Berkshire County Covid 14-day percentage positivity: 11.03% (up from previous meeting)
 - Director Haas will compose a community message about holiday gatherings and giving links to Covid and Flu vaccination sites.

- 3) **Alliance Grant** The draft application for the Berkshire County Alliance mini-grant has been submitted to the Select Board. Chairman Ogden will discuss this at the Select Board meeting on November 15th.

- 4) **Recent Field Work**
 - Installation of grinder pump/73 Jug End Road/Juliette
 - Demolition inspection/56 Lakeside Drive/Juliette
 - Final inspection for new system installation/20 Blunt Road/Juliette
 - The fall restaurant inspections have begun. The Board would like our Alliance agent Ned Saviski to attend a future BOH meeting to discuss his findings.

- 5) **Randlett/56 Lakeside Drive** Septic upgrade plans submitted by White Engineering were reviewed by the board. The ZBA recently granted the homeowner a Special Permit to rebuild on the small (.20 acre) preexisting, nonconforming lot. The future 2-bedroom home will be in the same general footprint of the home that was recently demolished and the septic plans include the use of A/I Jet Bat treatment. Due to the small lot size, the upgrade plans feature the following Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) requests: setback reduction from tank/field to property line, setback reduction from tank/field from home foundation, 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater, 48' reduction to neighboring well at 54 Lakeside Drive, reduction to homeowner's well. The request of the setback reduction to the neighboring well will require a hearing with the neighbor being notified by certified letter. The board set the hearing date for December 1st at 10:00 am. Director Haas will notify Brent White of White Engineering and request his presence and compose a letter to the neighbor. All LUAs will be addressed at the hearing.

- 6) **Richmand/29 Warner Road** The board reviewed the plans submitted by Kelly, Granger & Parsons for a voluntary upgrade to the existing septic system. The plans are for a 6-bedroom design, feature a pump chamber and Eljen modules. Motion made and seconded to grant a 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance.
Vote taken: 3-0 Pass

- 7) **Motes/71 Blunt Road** Director Haas will be working with Egremont Building Inspector Ned Baldwin to inquire about the current new building which has permitted for construction which may have been permitted without evidence of a water supply. Also, it is unknown what wells are serving the multiple structures on the property.

- 8) Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. The next BOH meeting will be held on November 17th at 11:00 am.

Juliette Haas
Approved
11/17/2022