

Egremont Board of Health

July 21, 2016, 10:05 am

Members Present: Nancy DuVall, Charles Ogden (left 11:00 am), Dr. William Rose

Also Attending: Sandra Martin, Health Agent, Dr. Bob Furlong

Guests: Georgeann & Lane Farnun

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

1) Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am

2) The minutes from the July 7th meeting were approved with minor spelling corrections and the addition of one line for clarity. The minutes from the July 14th meeting were approved.

3) **Hohman/93 Hillsdale Road** Georgann and Lane Farnum appeared before board and presented letter stating current operations of dog kennel. They are awaiting final transfer of abutting parcel of land before they approach the Planning Board regarding a special permit for the business. The dog kennel was built with nine kennels and can take up to ten dogs. Dog bathing services for the boarded dogs will be offered. Grooming services for outside dogs will not be provided. Sandra stated the state regulations defining a dog kennel is an operation housing more than 4 adults dogs. Septic issues take effect when dealing with cleanliness (place to dump mop bucket wastewater) and Title 5 regulated waste. Also, kennels are subject to inspections for general cleanliness. The letter presented by the Farnum's adequately address most of the BoH concerns and Georgann agreed to submit revised letter adding procedures for bucket water (currently dumped down drain in home) and number of dogs. Chuck made motion to accept this as approved BoH temporary operational procedures for kennel until zoning/permit issues are resolved and fully compliant septic system is installed. Motion seconded. Vote was unanimous 3-0. It was also agreed that owners will contact BoH within the next few days to schedule a sanitary inspection of facility.

4) **Tobacco Bill In Legislature** Session expires July 31st and it is felt bill will not be voted on. Juliette will post and notify tobacco permit holders of hearing of proposed Egremont regulations for Thursday August 11th at 10:00 am.

5) **John Andrews/Hillsdale Road/Grease trap** Pumping report from May was recently received but delayed because it was sent to Great Barrington BoH showed "very, very bad/unacceptable condition" report. Juliette inspected and did not see signs of breakout. She had a conversation with both pumper and owner who said grease trap will be pumped monthly. As a result of this, board asked Juliette to send letter to pumpers reminding them that pumping reports must be sent in timely manner. A separate letter to Dan Smith at John Andrews stating the board's dismay over lack of regular pumping and the need to properly maintain the old septic system serving his property.

6) **FY 2016 Financial Report** EBoH took in \$17,917.50 in fees and \$463.98 went unspent in BoH expense account. The remaining funds in the Public Health Agent (Alliance field work) line was \$320. Because of reductions in this line item for the past two years, EBoH may have to request a transfer of funds from the town's reserve if these funds run out.

7) **Prospect Lake Herbicide Treatment** Treatment will be performed on Wednesday July 27th. Broad notification went out to abutters and general public.

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8) **New Member Search** Nancy has contacted Heidi Zorn and she has expressed interest if meeting time could be changed. Juliette will follow up.

9) **State Cancer Incidents Report** Bob reviewed state report of cancer incidents from 2008-2012. Egremont rates are thankfully very low.

10) **Alliance Update** Online permitting underway and is slowly getting started in participating towns.

11) Meeting adjourned 11:05 am.

*Approved August 11, 2016
JS Haas*