

Egremont Board of Health

September 15, 2016, 10:15 am

In Attendance: Nancy DuVall, Charles Ogden, Dr. William Rose

Also in Attendance: Dr. Robert Furlong, Nick Anderson, Berkshire Engineering, Evan Hardcastle, 377 Builders

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) The minutes from the August 25, 2016 meeting were approved.
- 2) **New Member Search** Scott Race declined serving on the board. Juliette was asked to put the search in the next newsletter.
- 3) **64 Main Street** Nick Anderson of Berkshire Engineering and Evan Hardcastle of 377 Builders appeared before board to propose future uses for the long vacant building and meeting Title 5 requirements. Mr. Hardcastle is interested in purchasing the property and using the building for his building company and shop. For that use the flows would be very low - possibly 100 gallons per day. The board was asked if they would consider a tight tank installation for this use. Berkshire Engineering would draw up plans for a fully compliant septic system employing A/I technology and pumping up the hill where minimum soils were located. The building is listed as a possible 4 bedroom but it is unknown how large a system the minimal soils could handle. The board was open to the idea of approving the tight tank design based on the description of a small commercial space with a shop as long as septic plans employing A/I technology were kept on file and an agreeable deed restriction stating septic design on file must be installed if building is to convert to residence in the future. Evan stated he will provide letter to the board that he fully understands the financial impacts of pumping the tight tank and that the tight tank components will not be used for future septic system if/when installed. The matter will need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals to get a special permit to operate the business.
- 4) **Hohman/94 Hillsdale Road** Matter of obtaining a permit to operate a dog kennel will be addressed at a Planning Board hearing on Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Juliette cannot attend but will write a letter of support on behalf of the Board of Health.
- 5) **BCBHOA Fall Dinner** November 10th at the Pittsfield Country Club. The subject will be food composting and Juliette will give a short presentation on Egremont's community composting program and other waste diversion methods.
- 6) **Howard/Hillsdale Road** The upgrade septic plans asked for a four foot separation and the variance because the perc was one minute per inch.
- 7) **John Andrews** Juliette was asked to check that John Andrews restaurant is indeed pumping their grease trap as per the Title 5 requirements.
- 8) **Upcoming meeting schedule:** September 22nd, October 6th and 20th.
- 9) Meeting adjourned 11:10 am.

*Approved 9/22/2016
JS Haas*