

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, July 2, 2020

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Also Attending: Ed Fahey, Health Agent

Recording: Juliette Haas

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. The minutes from the June 4, 2020 were accepted (3-0). The minutes from the June 18, 2020 meeting were accepted with a minor correction (2-0-1).
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Al Thorp, representing property owner has stated work is underway to create a comprehensive site plan which will include boundary lines, perc location, possible building site and wetland delineation. The Board's pressing issue is the removal of the structure. Director Haas was asked to compose a letter to Mr. Straher stating firm delivery dates of the comprehensive site plan in 45 days and the removal of the structure no later than October 15th. This should provide enough time for the Conservation Commission to review and permit the demolition work by October 15th.
- 3) **COVID-19** While Massachusetts and Berkshire County occurrence numbers remain low, other parts of the country (AZ, FL, TX, GA, etc.) are seeing a surge in cases. How this will affect Berkshire County and future reopening of services remains to be seen. Restaurants are now allowed to serve indoors. The Old Mill and John Andrews contacted the BOH with their reopening plans. A Special Permit hearing to allow outdoor entertainment at The Barn is scheduled. The reopening of bars will require special attention from the BOH and will not be allowed until Phase 4. Annual Town Meeting was held outdoors in French Park and many COVID precautions were taken (check-in from car, social distancing circles, etc.) Annual Town Election went well with most voters voting by mail and in-person voters all wore masks.
- 4) **Recent Field Work:**
 - Title 5/7 Baldwin Hill East/Juliette witnessed/pass
 - Title 5/204 Hillsdale Road/Juliette witnessed/pass
 - Installation/191 Jug End Road/Juliette inspected
 - Title 5/78 Undermountain Road/Juliette witnessed/pass
 - Title 5/65 Rowe/Ed witnessed/Report will have letter attached stating septic system is undersized for current load.
- 5) **Hallig/78 Main Street** Owner contacted BOH with business use of property for catered dinners. Director Haas will check file on property to see if septic system is designed to increase the load and get more information on how food will be served. The issue may need to go before the ZBA for a Special Permit for changing the use of property.
- 6) **Odor Complaint** Campground abutter Zoe Hirsch once again complained of odor emanating from septic system. Director Haas investigated complaint. System operator stated system was working fine when he performed his monthly inspection. He was told campground owner added odor fighting compound after he inspected.

- 7) **Blumethal/169 Jug End Road** Septic plans for a system upgrade were presented by Kelly, Granger and Parsons. The Board voted (3-0) to approve the one foot reduction to estimated groundwater Local Approval Upgrade under maximum feasible compliance.
- 8) **End of Fiscal Year Financial Reporting** EBOH took in \$18,750 in fees. The remaining \$2000 in EBOH expenses (due to reduced travel expenses, conference registration fees and canceled BCBOHA Spring dinner) will go into the town's General Fund.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am. Chairman Ogden requested the next meeting on July 23 will be held outside of Town Hall and via Zoom.

Approved
JSHaas
7/23/2020