

**Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, February 10, 2022, 11:00 am**

**Held at Town Hall and Via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. He noted the presence of a quorum and introduced those present. He noted the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. The adoption of the minutes from the January 27, 2022 was tabled until Member Maggio is present.
  
- 2) **COVID 19**
  - 14-day positivity rate (statewide): 10.06% (down from 20.61% since last meeting)
  - 14-day positivity rate (Berkshire County): 10.49% (down from 14%)
  - Egremont cumulative cases: 65 (increase from 58)
  - Statewide 7-day average confirmed cases has decreased from January 8, 2022 high of 23,176 to current 1,920 confirmed cases
  - The board felt the Egremont Mask Directive should remain in effect. It will be reevaluated by the board at future meetings factoring in state and county infection rates.
  - Home testing kits distributed by the federal government are starting to be shipped. With cases on the decline the board discussed possibly issuing a community communication message on weighing risks and behaviors. The board would like to follow infection rates in the next two weeks before issuing their next message.
  - Air purifiers for town offices: Chairman Ogden reported his discussions with the Select Board. He withdrew the request for the purchase as masks protocols are being followed and employee vaccination rates are high.
  
- 3) **Kostyk/12 Prospect Lake Road** The scheduled deep hole test to determine the level of ground water was cancelled because of weather. A future date has yet to be determined.
  
- 4) **Race/5 Terra Ferma** The board reviewed and approved plans for the installation of new construction septic system presented by Al Thorp of Accord Engineering dated 2/1/2022.
  
- 5) **Little Cat Lodge** A new restaurant with new owners at the former Swiss Hutte location is scheduled to open in Spring 2022. Director Haas is in the process of setting up the necessary inspections before the official opening.
  
- 6) Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ogden – yes. Rose- yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 24, 2022.

Juliette Haas  
Approved  
2/24/2022