

**Egremont Board of Health**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden (Chair), Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

**Also Attending:** Al Thorp, Accord Engineering, Michael Straher

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. He announced those in attendance and stated the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. The minutes from the January 27, 2022 were adopted (Ogden-yes, Maggio-yes, Rose abstained) as presented. The minutes from the February 10, 2022 meeting were adopted (Ogden-yes, Rose-yes, Maggio abstained) as presented.
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** As a result of a the Stockman & Associates report issued for the Conservation Commission, the approved BOH septic plans were brought up for review. Based on changes made to the septic plan and Title 5 requirements not met, motion made and seconded to rescind the previous approval. Vote taken: Ogden-yes, Rose-yes, Maggio-yes. The board stated they will require new plans which must show the new location of the two tanks, all wetland borders, and include the following: Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) requests for 50% reduction in field size, 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater, 1.25-foot reduction to pervious material, and setback reduction to wetland. Also at issue was the location of septic components on different lots. When asked to join the two lots before the new plans are submitted for review Mr. Straher stated he is reluctant to do so before the various permits are issued by BOH, ConCom and the Building Inspector as those guarantees affect the future of the lots. He stated he will merge the two lots once he has received his permits to build. Al Thorp stated this could be made a condition of the BOH permit. Director Haas will further research the Title 5 code which speaks to septic components on different lots and send to Al Thorp.
- 3) **COVID**  
Current 14-day positivity: Statewide 4.22%/Berkshire County 6.94%  
7-day average: 898 (down from 1798 previous meeting)  
Cumulative Cases in Egremont: 70  
Mask Directive: while the state issued new mask guidance on February 15<sup>th</sup>, the BOH will leave the local mask directive in place until the 14-day positivity rate in Berkshire County is at or below 5%. This topic will be addressed at the next meeting.  
Masking in Town Hall: Chairman Ogden felt that the BOH should recommend to the Select Board that when Town Hall reopens to the public employees should wear N95 or KN95 masks.
- 4) **Recent Field Work:**  
Title 5 inspection/151 Hillsdale Road/Juliette/Failed/going to perc
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am. March meeting schedule will be March 10<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Juliette Haas  
*Approved 3/3/2022*