

**Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022, 10:00 am**

**Held in Person and via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Ellen Maggio

**Absent:** Dr. William Rose

**Also Attending (Via Zoom):** Michael Straher, Al Thorp

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden opened the meeting at 10:07 am. He announced those in attendance and stated the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. Motion made and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from March 3, 2022. Vote taken: Ogden, yes, Maggio yes. Minutes adopted.
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Director Haas read from section 15.211 of the Title 5 Code which speaks to components of septic systems on different lots and the requirement of a variance request. Section 15.410 was also referenced which stated the request for the variance must establish manifest injustice and environmental protection. Mr. Straher stated he didn't believe he needed to request the variance and that the issue could be made a condition of the permit. Al Thorp stated the board could withhold the Certificate of Compliance if the properties were not joined. Member Maggio stated Mr. Straher had a choice to either join the lots before the revised septic plans are submitted or request the variance. Chairman Ogden stated the future condition of the permit would state that construction could not begin until the two lots are joined. Motion made and seconded to require a variance request on the revised plans if the lots have not been joined. Vote taken: Ogden, yes, Maggio, yes. Motion passed.
- 3) **COVID19**
  - Current 14-day positivity rate: 2.32% statewide, 3.68% Berkshire County
  - 7-day average confirmed cases: 537 (statewide) down from 898 previous meeting
  - Director Haas ordered 500 KN95 from MEMA at no charge and will make them available to Egremont residents
  - Board discussed a future COVID community communication which speaks to availability of COVID treatments (monoclonal antibodies and anti-viral pills)
  - A placeholder for COVID will be kept on BOH agendas for the foreseeable future.
- 4) **Levy/10 Greenwood Circle** The board reviewed the septic upgrade plans presented by Kelly, Granger and Parsons which uses Eljen technology in the leach field. Motion made and seconded to approve a Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) for a two-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. Vote taken: Ogden, yes, Maggio, yes. Motion passed.
- 5) The next EBOH meeting will be March 24<sup>th</sup>. Member Maggio will not be in attendance. The April meeting schedule will be April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 6) Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Juliette Haas  
Approved 4/7/2022