

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:30 am

Egremont Town Hall

Members Present: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose (via Zoom), Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. He introduced members and staff present either in person or on Zoom. He also noted that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording will be available on the town website. Motion made and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from March 9, 2023, with corrections. **The vote was taken: 3-0. Minutes adopted as corrected.**

- 2) **COVID/Flu/RSV**
Berkshire County is currently in CDC green/low risk for COVID as is most of country.
Statewide COVID 14-day % positivity: 5.1% (down from 7.2% from the previous meeting)
Berkshire County COVID 14-day % positivity: 6.31% (down 12.6% from the previous meeting)
Biobot testing data from the Pittsfield Wastewater Treatment facility: 670K copies/L (down from 1.7 million copies/L)
May 11 will end the state COVID PH Emergency. Vaccination and testing will be covered by some insurance plans. Director Haas will inquire about local testing and vaccination options in the future and whether COVID boosters will be available at the town's annual flu vaccination clinic
Flu & RSV data were not reported.

- 3) **The Barn/EVI Temporary Food Permit** The new kitchen at The Barn was inspected and passed. The annual permits for The Barn and The Egremont Village Inn were issued.

- 4) **Food Truck Permitting** The Board of Health will continue inspecting food trucks as requested as it pertains to food safely served to the public. As to whether a location is suitable for a food truck, Director Haas stated that is a zoning matter and outside of the jurisdiction of the BOH.

- 5) **Recent Field Work:**
302 Egremont Plain Road/Title 5/Alliance/two systems on property/both failed.

- 6) **State Opioid Lawsuit Settlement** The Board of Health agrees with the Select Board's decision to allocate the town's share of the Opioid Lawsuit Settlement to the Rural Recovery Resource Center in Great Barrington.

- 7) **Battery Collection Program** The Board of Health approved the costs associated with purchasing two battery collection boxes to cover shipping fees for an alkaline battery collection program. It is hoped one box will be at the Transfer Station and one box will be outside at Town Hall.

- 8) **Alliance Mini-Grant Program** The Board of Health received \$2100 from the Alliance Mini-Grant program to fund the testing of three municipal wells for the presence of PFAS6 chemicals. The results of all tests detected no levels. The testing costs came in under budget at \$750. Director Haas asked the board to consider amending the initial grant application requesting the unspent funds of \$1350 to partially fund a test well on the abutting 6-acre town-owned property to test for PFAS6 compounds. After further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend the application and request the unused funds of \$1350 to partially fund a test well for PFAS testing. **Vote taken: 3-0 Unanimous.**

- 9) Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am. The April meeting schedule will be April 6th and 23rd at 10:30 am.

Juliette Haas
Approved 4/6/2023