

**Egremont Board of Health**

**Thursday, March 24, 2022, 10:00 am**

**Held in Person and Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose (arrived via Zoom 10:15 am)

**Also in Attendance (Via Zoom):** Mike Parsons, Kelly, Granger & Parsons, Dennis Kostyk and Caroline Alexander, 12 Prospect Lake Rd

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Chairman Ogden introduced those present and noted the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. Noting the lack of a quorum of regular board members, Chairman Ogden appointed BOH Alternate Juliette Haas a temporary member. Adopting the minutes from the March 10, 2022 were tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) **Kostyk/Alexander/12 Prospect Lake Road** A Title 5 inspection was recently performed at this property in which Joe Wilkinson III gave the system a “needs further evaluation by the Local Approving Authority” certification. The system consists of a 1250 gallon low-boy septic tank, d-box and one 600 gallon dry well. The dry well at the time of the Title 5 inspection was holding 7 inches of liquid, possibly due to a bio mat formation on the bottom. Mike Parsons, acting as a consultant for Mr. Kostyk and Ms. Alexander, summarized from his report issued to the EBOH and stated while the system is undersized and the drywell was holding water, there was no clear failure criteria as the level of liquid in the dry well was lower than previously observed, stones in the immediate area were clean and the depth of any component of the system was not in the level of estimated seasonal high groundwater. Discussion ensued as to best way to improve the performance of the existing dry well. After discussing numerous repair scenarios, Chairman Ogden made a motion that the system will require the existing septic tank and dry well be pumped, the installation of an additional 600 gallon dry well and a new d-box which will evenly distribute liquid to each dry well. Haas seconded. Vote taken: Haas, yes, Ogden, yes. Member Rose recused.
- 3) **COVID-19**
  - 7-day average confirmed cases: 581
  - 14-day percent positivity: 1.64% (statewide), 2.08% (Berkshire County)
  - The 500 KN95 masks ordered from MEMA were received. There was no cost to town.
  - Director Haas will offer half to community by refreshing the supply left outside of Town Hall. The remaining 250 will be kept for town events (future Town Meetings, etc.).
  - The Board approved the COVID message for the upcoming newsletter
- 4) **Recent Field Work**
  - 43 Pine Crest Hill Road/walk through needed for building permit sign off/Juliette
  - 53 Baldwin Hill Road/walk through needed for building permit sign off/Juliette
  - 50 Town House Hill Road/walk through needed for building permit sign off/Juliette
- 5) Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 10:53 am. The next meeting will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Juliette Haas  
Approved 4/7/2022