

**Egremont Board of Health**

**August 25, 2022, 10:00 am**

**In Attendance:** Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose (via Zoom), Ellen Maggio (via Zoom)

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He introduced board and staff members present either in person or via Zoom. He noted the meeting was being recorded and the recording will be available on the town's website. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting as presented. **Vote taken 3-0 Pass.**
- 2) **COVID-19/Monkeypox**
  - 14-day percent positivity Statewide: 7.95% (down slightly from last meeting)
  - 14-day percent positivity Berkshire County: 8.95% (up from 8.13% from last meeting)
  - No community message at this time
  - Director Haas will distribute a flyer on Monkeypox to the board
- 3) **Alliance Flu Clinic Scheduled** The annual Alliance/Egremont BOH flu clinic will be held on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> under the pavilion at French Park from 3pm-6pm. PH Nurses Leslie Dragger and Nancy Slattery will be there also administering COVID vaccines, checking blood pressures and performing balance checks assessments. The flu vaccine will be the higher dose/senior vaccine and it is unknown at this time if the COVID vaccine will be the Omicron variant dose.
- 4) **Food Truck Permitting** Town Counsel recently weighed in on the status of having food trucks in Egremont. Any requests for a food truck on publicly owned land must go to the Select Board. Events on private property involving a food truck will be permitted by the BOH from a food safety perspective, not from a zoning position. There was confusion on food permit issued last April to BB's Hotspot for the recent event at Devine. The permit was valid and food truck operator did contact the BOH as requested. Mom's Café requested the permit, even though the event was held by Devine. In the future if Devine wants to hold similar events with a food truck, they will be instructed to contact the BOH and not involve Mom's Café.
- 5) **Beaver Permit** Director Haas recently issued a beaver permit to a trapper hired by MassDOT to curtail beavers who are erecting dams that are blocking the spillway on Smiley's Pond.
- 6) **Recent Field Work:**
  - Title 5/190 Egremont Plain Road (old Egremont school)/Alliance/pass
  - Title 5/117 Creamery Road/Alliance/pass
  - Title 5/16 Shun Toll Road/Alliance/pass
  - New tank/dbox inspection/50 Jug End Road/Juliette
- 7) **Laslie/Pumpkin Hollow Road** Director Haas informed the board of a recent complaint regarding the location of a camper and portable toilet. The landowner informed Director Haas that the camper was placed there a few weeks ago by a friend and no one has spent the night. The

portable toilet was installed by the landowner to use when she and her family are using the property on day visits. Mobile homes/campers/rv's are limited to no more than 30 days in a calendar year and must meet minimum housing standards (potable water, sanitation, shelter, etc.). The board discussed the possibility of requiring a permit for this type of use for portable toilet to know where it will be located, how long it will be there, how often it will be cleaned, and if it is located within a wetland or floodplain. The board asked Director Haas to check with Great Barrington to see if they require such a permit. The topic will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

- 8) Chairman Ogden moved to close the meeting at 10:56 am. The September meeting schedule will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>.

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Approved 9/8/2022