

Egremont Board of Health

July 7, 2016 10:00 am

Attending: Nancy DuVall, Charles Ogden

Also Attending: Sandra Martin, Robert Furlong

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) The minutes from the June 24, 2016 meeting were approved.
- 2) **Tobacco Regulations** The tobacco bill is still in the legislature and will expire if it is not brought to the floor for a vote before July 31st. Motion was made by Nancy to have the BoH vote today on adopting its own regulation to raise the age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products to 21. Vote was 1-1. Motion defeated due to tie. Discussion on holding a hearing to adopt this regulation in the near future if the bill doesn't pass. Board agreed to hold a hearing on August 11th at 10:00 am for this purpose. Board requested that an email be sent to top legislators in favor of the law stating the EBoH will pass their own regulation if the house doesn't vote in favor.
- 3) **Hohman/93 Hillsdale Rd** Email from Georgann Farnum was read to the Board stating they will address the Title 5 concerns of the dog kennel in the future. Board has asked to perform sanitary survey/inspection of kennel to assess any possible health issues while they are in the process of meeting compliance. Board is also looking for a definitive timeline as to when the Title 5 issues will be addressed.
- 4) **Alliance Update** The food inspectors materials bag received from the FDA grant was reviewed. In the future the EBoH will rely on the food inspectors who are inspecting other local town (GB and Sheffield).
- 5) **Restuarant Report** Nancy gave her report on recent restaurant inspections. All were good. At John Andrews there was an issue with a kitchen door left open without a screen. Nancy had to perform a follow-up inspection. Nancy reported on the new Catamount food setup and may go back during busier time. Sandra will ask the fire chief regarding propane tanks.
- 6) **DPH Cancer Rates** A state report of cancer rates in the Commonwealth and Egremont was given to Bob Furlong for review.
- 7) **Katz/4 Ridge Road** Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering was informed that Board denied one foot variance request. Revised plans will be coming and installation is scheduled to begin shortly.
- 8) **New Member Search** Nancy suggested Heidi Zorn as a possible candidate to the Board. Juliette will contact her.
- 9) Meeting adjourned 10:55 am. Next meeting July 21st.

*Approved July 21, 2016
JS Haas*