

Shutesbury Board of Health  
February 7, 2024, 7 pm  
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members.

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

66 Leverett Road, O-32: application for DWCP, new construction for proposed new library. Claudia's memo recommends approval. Approved unanimously. Cat will ask about the basis for requiring a tight tank designated for the mop sink at a meeting with the Library Building Committee on February 8.

56 Wendell Road, H-127: this property has been condemned for almost three years. The board unanimously voted to have Claudia reinspect as a first step in reaching a solution.

Discussion:

Within the collaborative, the structure of EDSs needs to be determined: will Shutesbury remain a single-town EDS or join with one or more other towns? Will this decision be permanent or ad hoc? Arleen asked Garrett to bring this up at a collaborative meeting. To keep our options open, Arleen and Wm will continue to keep our vaccine provider number current in the MIIS.

With respect to the health district, Cat reported an expected change in our town's assessment: it will go down slightly because Erving is covering Claudia's health insurance separately. Also, Ashfield has expressed an interest in joining the district and has been encouraged to try to get a Town Meeting vote to join this spring. Claudia confirmed that she will be able to handle the workload because she already works for Ashfield individually.

The name of the district is no longer apt, as it is not actually a district, does not consist of geographically contiguous towns, and may now extend beyond Eastern Franklin County. The oversight board hopes to rename it at the next meeting. Suggestions welcomed.

Adjourn 7:40