

Shutesbury Board of Health
April 8, 2020, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Ken Rotondi, chair; Catherine Hilton, clerk; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Al Werner, board members; Dean Gendron, Garrett Simonsen, guests.

Actions:

Minutes of the meeting of April 1 were approved.

A hearing was set for April 22, 7:30 pm, re 32 Lake Drive. Voluntary upgrade of septic system, local upgrade approval requested for setbacks to six wells, including the on-site well. Designer will be instructed to provide information so that abutters may join the meeting by zoom.

Michele Cunningham has asked to have a group of 30 doing qigong on the town common in a few weeks. At the moment this violates the Governor's order restricting the size of gatherings. Tell her to ask again later.

Grass Roots Landscaping requests written authorization to work here for their clients that wish to continue; they submitted a policy detailing their COVID-19 practices. Write a letter approving of their protocol; no objection to their working in town provided they adhere to it.

The board continued to limit case count disclosure to the county level, but agreed to reconsider our position. Our message to go out as soon as a final addition is made.

Discussion:

Norene reported that the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) is up and running at Greenfield Community College. They are taking over communication to municipal leaders.

Ken confirmed that Walter will leave 20 small N-95 masks and one box of each size of gloves; the board agreed that he should deploy the rest of them as he sees fit.

Arleen reported that there were no new MAVEN events, but there is a new way of asking for help in contact tracing, interviewing, etc. She must fill out a questionnaire about the community in order to be eligible for this kind of assistance.

Cat asked for help mounting and installing the UMass tick warning signs. Cat and Norene will identify sites. Norene will arrange for some hardware and Al will mount and install signs.

Following up on concern expressed by a resident, Ken will ask the new postal clerk about sanitation at the Post Office.

An opponent of 5G called the board for information. Cat referred him to the Planning Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.