

Shutesbury Board of Health
April 23, 2020, 7:00 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Ken Rotondi, chair; Catherine Hilton, clerk; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Al Werner, board members; Garrett Simonsen, guest. Other guests attended the hearing; see below.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Mary Anne Antonellis, library director, shared her ideas about how to go about eventually reopening the library, especially given the lack of running water there. She plans to return to curbside pickup and to construct a plexiglass shield around the desk; the board agreed with these actions. Concerns remain about the public computers in the building. A supply of hand sanitizer is also a concern.

7:30 hearing re DWCP, 32 Lake Drive, with local upgrades for setback to six wells, including one on the property. Jeff LeBeau, the engineer, presented proposal. Karen Keegan, owner of # 34, attended by telephone. Cat recused herself from the discussion and vote. Charlie recommends approval only with a 2-bedroom deed restriction, even though this design is for the standard minimum of 3 bedrooms, because of the lateral distance to all these wells. The hearing closed at 8 pm; the board voted to approve the plan with deed restriction.

Arleen listened to the Tuesday briefing on the Community Tracing Collaborative; this should be operational by the first of May. Norene said that MAPHCO will try to get the supervisor assigned to the small towns in our area to give a presentation at one of their meetings. Arleen will follow up on a call from the Public Health volunteers regarding the local contact. Given the low case count in Shutesbury, and the transition to the CTC, she anticipates that we won't need to spend the money allocated for this. Garrett suggests using the funds to buy supplies for a flu clinic in the fall; we think we can use the EMD's contract to order things. We also need to update our provider status. The timeline for spending the \$16,000 is not clear.

The Town Administrator has asked several departments and boards to keep track of any spending related to COVID-19 as well as time spent for FEMA reimbursement. We have already spent, among us, many literally uncountable hours, and at this moment there is not so much for us to do. Cat will attend a zoom meeting with Becky on Monday about this and will ask if we are expected to keep track of volunteer hours.

Ken will ask for five more tick warning signs.

A sign recommending masks, social distance, and a limit of two customers at a time has been posted on the Post Office door. The staff works behind a plexiglass barrier, but are not wearing masks. We have recommended it but have no authority to require it.

Arleen determined that the families of children who receive subsidized breakfast and lunch at the elementary school are being taken care of.

We agreed to keep meeting weekly.

Adjourn 8:45 pm.