

Shutesbury Board of Health
May 13, 2020, 7:00 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, clerk; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Al Werner, board members; Garrett Simonsen, guest.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Discussion:

Select Board's plan for using the school for Annual Town Meeting, in the gym but if necessary putting the social-distance overflow into classrooms. The proceedings would be broadcast over the building PA system and there would be a zoom connection so people in the overflow rooms could speak. To address concerns of the principal and superintendent, Arleen will send CDC guidance on reopening procedures. Susie Mosher has bought plastic face shields for election workers and others but these do not eliminate the need for masks.

Ken recruited Pierre Rouzier of University Health Services as the medical director for our flu clinic. He has completed the paperwork for the Medicare revalidation, which must be submitted by May 31. Arleen is working on making our state provider number valid once again. However, after discussion of the many problems and uncertainties of a flu clinic this year it was decided not to hold one; we will create a drive-thru EDS plan and conduct a set-up drill.

Cat and Al will both participate in a Community Resilience Building workshop Thursday afternoon about preparing for the effects of climate change.

Elaine Puleo has asked about the town's supplying gloves, masks, and thermometers to the entire population; some other, smaller town is apparently doing this. The board agreed that this is neither necessary nor possible in Shutesbury.

Should the Police chief be a formally designated agent of the Board of Health? Consensus is he has enforcement powers already but we should ask Dan Fernandes if a formal arrangement would be helpful for him.

Adjourn 8:30.