

Shutesbury Board of Health
September 16, 2020, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Actions taken:

Minutes of September 2 meeting approved.

The board voted unanimously to update two procedures: The perc season, March 1 – April 30 will no longer be observed. Also no permit, and hence no Certificate of Compliance, will be required when a septic system repair is done as part of the Title 5 inspection.

Discussion:

A member of the school staff has expressed concern about the protocol for informing the school community of cases of COVID-19. DESE and DPH recommend that information be provided on a need-to-know basis; the school nurses of Union 28 have chosen to follow this recommendation, causing concern among some staff members. The usual privacy issues apply. Arleen will circulate a draft response supporting the position of DPH and DESE and reminding the person that universal protection should be practiced at all times at school.

EDS planning: The board reviewed Garrett's flow diagram. He will modify it based on our discussions and Norene will circulate it. Garrett will also sketch out the proposed setup of the vaccination area. Cat will look into getting some tables and preparing the shed for our use.

Also Cat will draft a public communication urging people to get flu vaccination.

Norene said we will be getting some PPE supplies from MAPHCO.

Other matters:

Cat advised the library book club not to share snacks at their outdoor meeting. Someone has been engaged to install a ventilation system for the library.

TempArmour accidentally sent us a second vaccine carrier. Becky is looking into it.

Cat will work with Kevin Rudden, the town assessor, to update the assessor's records bit by bit so as to include septic system capacity.

A town resident will take orders for chickens at the town farmers markets. They will be slaughtered and frozen at a USDA-approved slaughterhouse. This is okay according to Claudia.

Adjourn around 8:30.