

Shutesbury Board of Health
November 4, 2020, 7pm
Virtual meeting
Postponed to November 5, 7pm,
For technical reasons

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

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Discussion:

BOH role in Tuesday's election: it all went well, no mask issues. Since 2/3 of the votes had been cast prior to Election Day, there wasn't any crowding.

The shed doesn't have to be stained, so we decided not to do it.

New governor's orders on masking, early closings, etc.: put out a message on this.

Complaint about a Shutesbury policeman not wearing a mask during a traffic stop: Norene will get the text of a memo from Chief Farnsworth on police to forward to the Select Board.

School metrics and the most recent decisions by the school committee: the proposed were metrics generated by a FRCOG group, including school nurses and administrators, to determine when schools should phase up or down. Our board agreed to this; Arleen got statistical assistance in calculating these metrics for two counties and created a spreadsheet for the DPH county-level data. DESE recommends that these metrics be observed for three weeks before any changes are made. The teachers' union has not asked for a change in the metrics, but it says staff comes from Worcester and Hampden counties also. We are concerned that including data from these two counties could unfairly skew the data for our school. Also, integrating other counties into the metric doesn't reflect where the cases actually are, since household spread is now important. Meanwhile the school committee has decided to return to a hybrid learning model. Arleen will communicate with the nurse and principal of SES weekly.

No response from Dr Corey of UHS regarding sharing of vaccination supplies. We will make purchases of our own.

If the trailer is sold, we will ask that the proceeds be used to re-establish a vaccination clinic revolving fund.

Adjourn 8 pm.