

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

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

Actions taken:

School metrics: the board considered what response, if any, we should make to letters from teachers and other staff arguing for a return to remote learning. In a new development, SES principal Jackie Mendonsa proposes to return to remote learning for two weeks after the December break; this proposal will be made to the School Committee on December 17. We will provide a letter stating that we support the move as a precautionary measure, though the metrics do not require it.

The board agreed that Cat will vote in favor of a 2% budget increase for the Eastern Franklin County Health District at the annual meeting on December 17.

We will send out a weekly report of the number of people in town who are in isolation and quarantine.

Discussion:

Grace Bannasch, Town Clerk, attended the meeting to ask how she can be helpful. It was determined that she can provide information, collect mail for people in isolation or quarantine, and possibly coordinate other kinds of help with errands if needed.

New state funding has been made available through the district through June 30: there's about \$7K available for Shutesbury. Need to develop a budget.

Adjourn 8:15