

Shutesbury Board of Health
March 17, 2021, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Norene Pease, chair; Catherine Hilton, clerk; Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, Al Werner, board members; Claudia Lucas, Charlie Kaniecki, health agents; community members as noted below.

The minutes of the meeting of March 3 were approved.

7:15 Greg Steve, 56 Wendell Road, H-127, was unable to connect. Rescheduled for April 7. Charlie and Claudia will try to contact him by phone and arrange a meeting.

7:30 16 Wyola Drive, B-613: Presentation by Michael Petrin of the proposal to tear down the existing cottage and replace it with a 2-bedroom house, new well, and tight-tank septic system. Also present: owner Matt Borowiec, neighbor Nick Yarmac (#18). Conservation has already approved this; ZBA has granted a variance. The proposed new well will be installed more than 50' from all other wells; the distance from the well at 14 Wyola is over 70'. The existing well point to be pulled. Charlie Kaniecki recommends approval. The board voted to approve.

7:45 Shutesbury Athletic Club: Mark Olszewski, Tom Siefert, and Allen and Joan Hanson attended. Mark proposed that the club reopen for weekend takeout meals at the end of April. C&C confirmed that people may sit on site, indoors and out, to eat their meals as long as spacing and capacity guidelines are observed. Also live music may be offered under the pavilion, following spacing guidelines. They must apply for a food service permit and have ServSafe and Allergen Awareness training. The club will submit a written plan, including one-way traffic flow for restroom use, and attend the April 7 meeting of the Board of Health.

12 Merrill Drive, ZB-693: DWCP repair. Replace existing tight tank with conventional system, with local upgrade, reduction to well setback (80'). The board voted to issue the permit with the following requirements: a two-bedroom deed restriction must be recorded at the registry; the deed notice that the property is served by a tight tank must be superseded.

75 Shore Drive, B-404: tight tank application revisited. Alan Weiss joined the meeting briefly but after action had been taken. The board had voted to order a 2-br deed restriction as a condition of the septic system permit, but we have been informed that the house is a 3-bedroom and there is no evidence that the previously existing septic system was not adequately sized, so there is no demonstrable increase in flow. The board voted to waive the provisions of 310CMR15.260 (8) regarding seasonal use.

It was decided not to have an additional meeting in March. Well permit and variance requests for 322 Locks Pond Road will be taken up April 7.

Cat will look into getting zoom access through the town rather than Mount Holyoke College.

Arleen has been hired to provide contact tracing support in Amherst.

Al gave a brief overview of the PFAS well-water testing program being conducted by DEP and UMass. The board agreed that we would send out informational messages about this program but not promotional messages. Cat will draft a message and discuss liability issues with Becky.

Al also attended a zoom meeting regarding solar development in forested land. While the focus of that presentation was preserving forest at all costs, there is little hard information about the effects of such development. He is in the beginning stages of a collaboration with UMass, Hampshire and Amherst Colleges studying the effect of such development on the land before, during, and after installation.

9:00 adjourn