

Shutesbury Board of Health
April 7, 2021, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

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

The meeting started late because of technical problems using the town zoom account. People who planned to attend were unable to join the meeting but the board was able to take action on their business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Su Hoyle, 322 Locks Pond Road, D-11: well permit application. Al and Cat did a site visit and found the proposed site for the well to be reasonable. A variance was granted to reduce the property line setback from 25 feet to 9.5 feet; this property line is not on the road and the neighbor has stated he has no objection. The existing shallow well will be filled in. Permit to be issued when check received from driller (Henshaw).

Joe Salvador, 31 Lakeview Road, D-5: DWCP repair, design Rick Scott, conventional three-bedroom system. Conservation Commission has issued an order of conditions for this repair. Local upgrade approval was granted for separation to groundwater (three feet). Permit to be issued on receipt of signed application and check.

Greg Steve, 56 Wendell Road, H-127: Charlie and Claudia arranged an inspection, posted a Condemned sign, and gave one year to clean it up. No further action needed on our part.

Zabko, F-29: We received a copy of a letter from bldg inspector re an unpermitted structure on this property. No action required on our part.

Resident complaint: a neighbor converted an intermittent stream to a pond by removing a lot of dirt and apparently piling it on top of an existing stone wall. The person believes that this stream is the source of her water, in a shallow well (estimated 12-14'), and is concerned that quantity or quality may be affected when the stream is not running. She will have the water tested. ConCom has been informed.

Someone put Shutesbury trash bags of human waste out in front of other people's houses last week. Any information that goes out should include mention of pathogens etc., and make the point that waste disposal is only allowed in permitted septic systems.

COVID-19 update: Franklin County clinics are to be consolidated in one site, probably in Greenfield. FRTA has offered to provide transportation for groups.

Annual Town Meeting is June 12, and will be held outdoors under tents as it was in 2020. We assume the Board of Health will have a role to play but probably less extensive than last year. Arleen will discuss with Town Moderator Paul Lyons.

PFAS testing notice: the program has received five responses and is hoping for more. The Board of Health does not feel comfortable doing anything more than providing information about this program.

Adjourn shortly after 8 pm.