

Shutesbury Board of Health
May 5, 2021, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Norene Pease, chair; Catherine Hilton, clerk; Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, Al Werner, board members; Mary David, April Stein, guests; other guests as noted below.

Minutes of previous meeting approved with minor emendations.

News: we've received the first copy of a PFAS6 test response, result negative.

Mosquito control: The board considered a recommendation to the Select Board about whether or not to apply for exemption from mandatory spraying by SRMCB in the event of a serious arbovirus outbreak. The following people spoke: Celinda Ezzell, Miriam DeFant, Mary Jo Johson, Emily Bayard, Craig Martin, Gayle Huntress, Zipporah Hildebrandt, Leslie Cerier. All expressed concern about the chemicals used, citing pollinators, insect biodiversity, aquatic animals, human health, chemical sensitivity, and the ineffectiveness of aerial spraying. There was some concern that the town might be tying its hands in the event of an outbreak, but the opt-out procedure applies only to spraying by SRMCB. The board has received emails from several other people arguing against spraying; one email was in favor of spraying "whenever necessary." The board voted unanimously to recommend that the Select Board apply to opt out. Cat will attend SB meeting on May 11.

The letter responding to the Open Meeting Law complaint was finalized and will be sent out.

6 Haskins Way: building permit application re a deck, setback to well in question. Mary David of ConCom says the deck will have no impact on anything else on site and that heavy equipment will probably not be a problem because of the lot size. Board approved.

Arleen proposed a detailed statement regarding our stand in favor of vaccination. This will be finalized and sent out with our weekly message, and put on the website.

Library matters: We are asked for guidance on sandbox toys (OK) and kayak loans (quarantine life jackets for a day for "confidence"). Also CNC's Tales and Tunes program (OK).

Adjourn 8:20