

Shutesbury Board of Health

June 2, 2021, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

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

For the first hour, the board was joined by Fred Civian, MADEP Drinking Water Program; Jodi Cutler, UMass/DEP PFAS testing program; Brian D. Harrington, Bureau of Water Resources; Paul Locke, Bureau of Water Resources; and Elizabeth Stinehart, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC).

BWSC will investigate the Fire Station area. It has not yet been determined if the area near the intersection of Wendell and Locks Pond Roads will be investigated.

The free testing program is over for Shutesbury, our allotment of tests having been used up. It will not be reauthorized. Private individuals may test; it's about \$300. The list of certified labs is rather short.

There was discussion of granulated activated carbon whole-house, or point of entry, filtration systems, which run into several thousand dollars. (There are point of use treatments but these are not certified to reduce PFAS to 20ppt.)

A PFAS legislative task force has been created; we should be in touch with our state legislators regarding mitigation, municipal aid, etc.

PFAS showing up in pesticides has been determined to have leached out of containers; pesticide stored in steel drums has no detectable PFAS. This is the case with currently used pesticides, past composition is unknown.

PFAS is an "emerging contaminant," much is still unknown. There are efforts in the US to decrease their use. When the production of longer-chain PFAS compounds was banned c. 2006, a decrease of PFAS blood levels was observed. Many long-chain PFAS still being used in imported goods. There is currently no information about PFAS and herbicides.

Fred will provide some information and links to add to our public message on this topic.

Arleen left the meeting shortly before 8 pm.

Minutes of meetings of May 20 and May 28 approved with a minor emendation for May 28.

Mark Olszewki, Shutesbury Athletic Club: reopening June 4. Service at bar, no one-way traffic, dinners to resume in July. Food service permit application has been submitted to Claudia.

Annual Town Meeting, June 12. Early next week put out a public message acknowledging the changes in statewide requirements but encouraging masking and social distancing. Al, Arleen, and Garrett will mark the ground under the tent on Friday to create rows 6 feet apart. Masks are required at the sale table. Microphone covers are to be used. Grace can make the decision about masks at the polls.

Cat and Norene will put together an insect-borne disease packet for distribution. Assemble at Town Hall at 8:30. Wear public health hats and vests.

Montague Road, ZH-34, DWCP: New construction, Charlie recommends approval. # 2021-0601.

511 Pratt Corner Road, W-52, DWCP urgent repair. In the Amherst water supply watershed and in failure. ConCom must issue an Emergency Certification. The board unanimously found the system to be an imminent threat to the public health and ordered it repaired within ten days. DWCP # 2021-0602 to be issued and ConCom notified.

OML complaint: the board agreed to convene on June 9 for a brief meeting to respond to the second iteration of the complaint on the advice of Town Counsel.

Adjourn 8:50