

Shutesbury Board of Health  
September 15, 2021, 7pm  
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Melissa Warwick, guest.

The minutes of the meeting of September 1 were accepted as written.

Melissa Warwick expressed her concerns about the way SES informs parents when there is a COVID case in the school; she feels that if there is a case in her child's class she should be informed and that because the separation and masking protocols are different outdoors that simply informing the parents of the children nearest the case is inadequate. Arleen discussed the notification protocols and the current situation with the Delta variant at length. She pointed out that SES meets and even exceeds DESE requirements and that the BOH has no grounds on which to require anything more.

Arleen also updated the board on COVID status: currently there are four cases in isolation, with two about to be released from isolation in a day or two. This may be as many cases as we have ever had at once. One contact in quarantine. We will resume the weekly report now that there are cases again. Unwitnessed home tests if positive do not trigger contact tracing and do not appear in MAVEN. Develop a series of instructions that can be put on our website for these cases.

Town Hall COVID policy regarding town employees: two changes were suggested. It should be specified that both positive and negative results must be reported, and in our opinion the proofs of vaccination should be provided to the department heads and thence to the Select Board, not to the Board of Health.

Shutesbury Athletic Club has resumed meals. Contact them and ask about their COVID safety protocols given the recent uptick in cases.

Eric Betten, 32 Leverett Road, O-39: DWCP repair. The board agreed to approve the design, on the recommendation of Charlie Kaniecki, but to hold the permit until after ConCom has reviewed it. There will also be a permit application for a new well, which will undoubtedly have PFAS in it. It should meet or at least almost meet the 25' setback from the road.

There has been a case or two of WNV in western Mass but nothing really nearby; nevertheless we'll include a reminder in the next weekly message. Put something brief in the newsletter referring people to our website for timely information.

We received notification of five non-detect PFAS testing results from the DEP investigation.

Adjourn 8:15