

Shutesbury Board of Health  
February 16, 2022, 7 pm  
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; John Montanari, guest.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Arleen reported that she has sent a communication to Claudia and Charlie about MAVEN backup when she's away. Cat forgot to ask Becky about Mary Ryan's contract but will do so ASAP.

Norene reported on MAPHCO matters. The HHAN has requested a list update, which Garrett will provide. Norene will look into training for Color software for MRC volunteers and WebEOC training. Lauri Solomon has resigned and Tracy Rogers will be filling in as the MAPHCO staff person.

John Montanari joined the meeting for discussion about SES mask policy. Arleen reported that Governor Baker and DESE have lifted the statewide K-12 school mask mandate as of February 28. Local districts have the option to impose requirements if they wish. In Shutesbury the decision will be made by the school committee. Response to the principal's questionnaire to the SES community has been mixed. She proposes that mandatory masking be continued for two weeks after February 28, which is the first day back after winter vacation, and made voluntary as of March 14. Masking on the school bus remains mandatory, a federal requirement. In discussion with the principal, Arleen agreed to this proposal. She will report the weekly infection numbers to the principal so that masking decisions can be revisited in the event of a surge. It was noted that there must be zero tolerance for any kind of shaming or pressure regarding anyone's personal decision on masking. NB: masking will continue to be mandatory for five days after the completion of isolation or quarantine.

The Board of Health agreed that we would not make any further or different recommendations.

A resident opposed to cell towers has contacted us repeatedly, urging action like that taken by the Pittsfield Board of Health. We decline to act on this.

56 Wendell Road: we are not getting responses to our requests for updates. Certified letter requiring an update under pain of legal action which could result in fines. Cat will run this by Charlie and Claudia before drafting.

Adjourn 7:50