

Shutesbury Board of Health
March 2, 2022, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Actions:

Approved minutes of previous meeting.

71 Leonard Road: Issued DWCP # 20220301, new construction.

260 Leverett Road DWCP: minor revision to existing permit. The owner was charged \$150 for three components, but the revision specifies a complete replacement so \$50 due.

Discussion:

Arleen reported on Covid status: one case currently known, weekly pooled tests weekly at SES were negative. She shared graphs showing results of wastewater testing in six Massachusetts counties; spikes in wastewater are an accurate predictor of spikes in reported cases. The graphs show a pronounced spike beginning in fall of 2021, peaking in February 2022, and an abrupt drop to very low levels.

Arleen also confirmed that Claudia will cover MAVEN when Arleen is traveling this spring and summer.

Norene forwarded contact information for trainings on HHAN and WebEOC. She has identified a good contact at FRCOG for helping with purchase of supplies, including possibly N95 masks for emergency use only. Other upcoming trainings from FRCOG includes Serv-Safe and dealing with abandoned and distressed properties. Norene said

WMPHA is calling for promulgation of statewide private well regulations.

56 Wendell Road: the condemnation order specifies that the house be demolished by March 23, which is obviously not going to happen. Charlie wants to have the house put into receivership. Cat will try to contact the owners one more time.

The Board of Health was contacted by an individual protesting what appear to be a vaccine mandate at Town Hall. Cat will respond.

A public message will go out detailing the new guidance on masks, including the risk classification of Hampshire and Franklin Counties. Also include: Starting next week new test kits available by mail.

Annual Town Meeting will be held May 21, outdoors. The Board of Health will be asked for guidance closer to the event.

Adjourn 7:45