

Shutesbury Board of Health
May 18, 2022, 7:00 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Board authorized Cat to issue septic system repair permit for 361 Montague Road when it has been reviewed.

Agreed to resume weekly messages to the public giving covid statistics and other information beginning Friday the 20th. NB this message should mention the hot weather expected at Town Meeting and the need for water, sunscreen, and shade, as well as describe Town Meeting safety protocols. The messages will also be posted on the website each week instead of the current table.

Sirius Community: Cat reported that a visitor claimed human fecal matter was being used as fertilizer. A representative of the community denied this but said they had permission from DEP to use urine in their compost. We would like to know more and will ask Claudia and Charlie how we might go about this. Also we should identify a contact person at Sirius. Other questions: is Redbird Preschool on the premises? What is the current situation with the kitchen? The water system? Also there are said to be rooms for rent that do not meet minimum standards of human habitation.

The Fire Department intends to move the BOH trailer to the elementary school on Thursday evening; we will meet there Friday at 1:00 p.m. to unload it and to take tents to Town Hall in preparation for Town Meeting.

A DPH fact sheet on EEE will be distributed at Town Meeting as part of our alternative mosquito control plan, which will be presented to the Select Board on Tuesday May 24 so the town can apply to opt out of pesticide spraying.

Norene gave updates on After-Action Reviews that will be conducted by the Western MA homeland security council, FRCOG, and MAPHCO. FRCOG is being reorganized somewhat because of staff changes; we will be invited to meet with consultants. She also gave an overview of the functions of the various organizations and suggested that someone else might wish to learn about her work with these entities in case of her eventual retirement from the board.

Adjourn 8:10