

Shutesbury Board of Health
September 7, 2022, 7pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Sam Gladstone, Chris Elliott, Lisa Kurzeil, guests.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

56 Wendell Road: unanimous vote not to take action on expired condemnation order as progress toward demolition is being made.

133 Lakeview Road DWCP: unanimous vote for Cat to issue the permit when the review is received.

Floor drain at O-32: unanimous vote not to get involved as DEP is in charge.

Cat reported on a site visit with Becky Torres and Miriam Defant to Dudley Pond dam, where a beaver dam has been reported. No immediate cause for concern was found. The owner is expected to apply for a permit to install a waterflow control device.

Norene reported that the Public Health Excellence grant organizational meetings continue. There will be a briefing session for new towns, Wed 2 Nov, 10-11am.

More free masks and tests are being made available. Cat will order. Arleen agreed to take some tests for distribution.

7:45 Discussion of Jewish Cemetery green burial practices. Sam Gladstone represented the Jewish Community of Amherst, owner of the cemetery. Chris Elliott and Lisa Kuerzel own the abutting property to the east.

The cemetery did not seek BOH approval or commission any kind of hydrogeologic study before beginning green burial in 2018 or so. There are currently seven such burials. Abutters believe one of them is within 100' of their well. DEP regulations were reviewed. The board strongly encouraged a professional survey of the cemetery property if one has not already been done. Garrett will discuss requirements and variance options with DEP. Cat will research the location of the SES well. Discussion continued to September 21.

Adjourn 9 pm