

Shutesbury Board of Health
October 5, 2022, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Actions taken, all unanimously:

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Action on 56 Wendell Road condemnation order deferred for one month.

Disposal Works Construction Permits approved for 11 Pine Drive, ZB-424, (tight tank); 40-42 Highland Drive, M-39, (duplex, already installed due to a misunderstanding); 35 Weatherwood, V-27 (subject to action by Conservation Commission).

Emergency order to destroy a beaver dam on Dudley Pond. Office of Dam Safety has forbidden impoundment behind the man-made dam, leaving no alternative to destruction of the beaver dam. A Board of Health order is required.

Updates:

Cat signed a beaver removal permit application by town for Fiske Brook culvert on October 3. Fiske Brook provides most of the water flowing into Lake Wyola. Waterflow control devices are useless at this site because there is virtually no change in elevation, so the beavers will have to be trapped out.

Noreen summarized the current status of the Public Health Excellence grant and upcoming events. The Select Board is expected to sign the MOA on October 7. The grant will entail a capacity assessment and probably obligatory trainings for Board of Health members.

Arleen reported that the school nurse has asked if the Board of Health still requires her to report on all Covid-19 cases. Arleen does not see the need for this. The board left the matter to her discretion.

Discussion:

Dina Stander, in her capacity as a green burial educator, joined the meeting at 7:10 for a discussion of green burial issues at the JCA cemetery and generally. The board agreed that a soil analysis is required, but not a perc test *per se*. Cat will ask Walter Tibbetts for details on the soil testing protocol used at the West Cemetery green burial section, and also seek information from Lee Webster at nhfuneral.com for the benefit of the board members and the concerned abutters to the JCA cemetery.

Adjourn 8:00