Shutebury Board of Health November 16, 2022, 7 pm Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Guests: Kristin Burgess, Police Chief; Miriam DeFant, Conservation Commission; Chris Elliott and Lisa Kuerzel, Tom Siefert, residents.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as written.

Discussion:

Bake sale rules: after the Election Day bake sale by the Friends of the Library Arleen reminded us that while items prepared for bake sales benefiting not-for-profit organizations need not be prepared in licensed kitchens, there are two requirements: high-hazard foods or foods requiring temperature control are not allowed; there must be a sign on the premises informing patrons that the foods offered were not prepared in kitchens subject to inspection and regulation by the Board of Health. Information to be disseminated through town-announce, website, and NDS.

Cat attended the meeting of the Eastern Franklin County Health District, where possibly restructuring of the district will be required in order to provide appropriate insurance coverage for the health agent. No change in services to us, but our assessment will undoubtedly go up.

Cat also attended the latter part of a site visit to the Fiske Brook culvert where beavers have partially blocked the culvert to raise the level of the ponded area upstream. Tim Hunting believes that the beavers were responding to the lowered lake level and will likely not continue to build up. No action to be taken immediately.

The board received a complaint from a resident claiming that the ground around the textile recycling bin at lot O-32 is contaminated and that therefore the bin should be relocated. Other boards have reportedly received the same request and declined to reply. The Board of Health concurred and will not respond.

Green burial issues: it appears that there are no existing local Board of Health regulations that we can work from in writing our own reg. Cat will rough out the provisions for next meeting. JCA has not yet completed the fact-finding aspect of our requirements.