

**Shutesbury Board of Health**  
**April 5, 2023, 7 pm**  
**Virtual meeting**

**Present:** Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members. Guests: Claudia Sarti, Health Agent; Leonard Czerwonka, Fire Chief; Representing the Valley Health Cooperative: Jennifer Hoffman, Greenfield Health Director; Athena Lee Bradley, Public Health Excellence Grant Manager; Megan Tudryn, Public Health Nurse.

**Actions taken:**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Because the permit is time-limited, the board voted to authorize Cat to issue a beaver dam removal permit for the Fiske Brook culvert at the appropriate moment.

**Discussion:**

Cat reported that we may receive an application for a betterment loan.

**Discussion with Fire Chief and personnel from the Public Health Excellence Grant.**

Topics covered included:

The current opioid settlement. Garrett attended the Select Board meeting on April 4; the SB voted to accept the funds and to pool them with the other members of the Valley Health Collaborative (VHC). Garrett and Cat will both follow up with Becky to be sure the participation forms are submitted by April 18. It may be necessary to create a stabilization account to receive and then disburse these funds; if so it needs to get on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting rather quickly.

The Intermunicipal Agreement among the six municipalities of the VHC is currently being reviewed by Greenfield's attorney and will be distributed soon for review by our board, the Select Board, and Town Counsel.

A public health nurse is being hired for Leverett and Shutesbury. Arleen is participating in the interviews. Discussion of how best to assess the needs of our community; Jen will provide some data, we will contact Kristin Burgess, the Chief of Police, and the Council on Aging for guidance.

Capacity assessment: Norene and Garrett met? Will meet? with staff from the state to develop a work plan help me out here. There will be trainings available.

Adjourn 8:10.