

Shutesbury Board of Health

April 19, 2023, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Mary Jo Johnson, Maria Kopicki, Miriam DeFant, Rob Kibler, Penny Jacques, Elaine Puleo, guests.

Minutes of previous meeting were not ready to be approved.

Updates on ongoing activities:

Garrett reported that the Select Board has completed the paperwork necessary to participate in the current opioid settlement. We will return to the SB to recommend that settlement funds be pooled with the other communities of the Valley Health Collaborative after the Intermunicipal Agreement is completed.

Norene reported that a COVID after-action meeting with the new PHEP planner will be slightly delayed because of issues with MAPHCO.

Actions taken:

The board voted unanimously to join whatever tobacco coalition is available. Cat will convey this information to Jen Hoffman.

The board heard a presentation by Dr. Maria Kopicki of Amherst and subsequently voted unanimously to write a letter recommending against the use of artificial turf on a regional school playing field.

The board discussed a nuisance complaint by a resident regarding alleged toxic chemicals creating a threat to the public health at lot O-32 and voted to seek guidance from the Department of Environmental Protection. We will also request that the results of all tests for contaminants past and future be forwarded to the board for our review.

Adjourn 8:20