

Shutesbury Board of Health

May 3, 2023, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

**Present:** Catherine Hilton, chair; Wm Levine, Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Becky Torres, Town Administrator; John Briggs, Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.

**Actions taken:**

Minutes of April 4 and 19 accepted.

The board authorized Cat to sign the intermunicipal agreement for the PV Health Coalition after it has been reviewed and approved by the Select Board and Town Counsel.

**Discussion:**

John Briggs outlined the mosquito surveillance planned for this year. The question of past due payments was brought up but John does not have authority to deal with this. Some of us will join the PVMCD commissioners' meeting on May 8 to work this out. John and Becky left the meeting when this discussion was over.

**Other discussion and updates:**

Garrett reported that the Select Board has submitted the documents to accept opioid settlement funds. Some kind of accounting system will have to be established if they vote to pool these funds with other coalition towns.

Norene reported that more funding has been awarded to the coalition. There was discussion of training requirements. Four board members have ICS 700 and 100 certificates. Norene will look into booking a retraining in South Deerfield with Carolyn Shores Ness in the fall.

Cat reported on a conversation with a staff member at the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the recent citizen complaint regarding lot O-32. This individual and others have spoken with the complainant and are well aware of the issues being raised. It was suggested that we check with Town

Counsel regarding our jurisdiction or authority to intervene in an ongoing investigation being conducted by DEP. Donna suggested we simply ask the town to provide test results for our review.

There will be a HHAN drill, probably next week, and there is some concern about how to get into the system to respond. Norene will follow up with Gail Bienvenue.

Cat will draft one or more messages to the public on changes to be expected after the state of emergency expires on May 11, eligibility for the second COVID-19 bivalent booster, and prevention of insect-borne disease.

Adjourn 8:25