

Shutesbury Board of Health

May 17, 2023, 7pm

Virtual meeting

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

Minutes of May 3 approved.

Arleen and Norene will attend the Select Board meeting on May 23 for the vote on the Intermunicipal Agreement of the Valley Health Collaborative.

Cat has issued permits for beaver dam removal and installation of waterflow control devices at Dudley Pond.

The board authorized Cat to order the removal of a damaged dock at Lake Wyola State Park. This order is needed for the Conservation Commission to be able to issue its Emergency Certification allowing the work to be done.

Arleen requested a full report on the demolition of 56 Wendell Road for the next meeting (June 7).

Valley Health Collaborative: Norene reported that Sarah Fisk has been hired as Shutesbury's public health nurse and will begin orientation within the week. She will be able to work in Shutesbury once the IMA is signed. Board members will work on getting some supplies from the Greenfield Health Department and organizing space in the senior lounge at Town Hall.

Arleen said two public health nurses in Greenfield have taken responsibility for checking MAVEN, though she herself is still checking on her own. Virtually no COVID cases have been reported for several weeks. Norene had occasion to receive a follow-up call from one of these nurses and was impressed by the speed of the response.

MAPHCO: Norene reported that the differences between MAPHCO and FRCOG regarding the PHEP grant are being resolved with the help of state officials. Equipment has been bought with funds from the PHEP grant and a work plan

established for the next fiscal year. This will include an in-person training on WebEOC.

MAPHCO's annual meeting will take place on June 21 and include the sharing of information from other Public Health Excellence groups and a presentation on the target capabilities of Boards of Health.

Adjourn 7:30