

Shutesbury Board of Health

June 28, 2023, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Chris Elliott, Lisa Kuerzel, guests.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Discussion:

On-line trainings: it's not clear if this is a deliverable for the Valley Health Collaborative at this time. Norene will look into it. Cat will forward a link to the Institute for Local Public Health.

Norene reported on MAPHCO annual meeting and election.

Public Health nurse Sarah Fiske will start on July 3 by getting her desk set up. Her hours will be Mondays, 9 am – 1 pm and by appointment.

Garrett attended the Public Health Roundtable to learn about opioid settlement matters. He will speak to Becky about setting up a revolving fund for this purpose at the next Special Town Meeting. We will also request payment for the Mosquito Control District FY22 at that meeting.

Cat reported issuing orders for beaver dam work at culverts on Lakeview and Montague Roads per our earlier vote.

Public messaging: Cat will work on a town announcement including insect-borne diseases and new public health nurse service. Athena Bradley is also working on publicity for the nurse.

Guests reiterated their concerns about the Jewish Cemetery with specific reference to the nature of the conventional burials that would be allowed within the 100-foot radius around their well – whether these burials should be considered conventional or “green.” Board members will confirm JCA's burial

practices, try to get the DEP inspection report on the school well, and do some research about such matters as prion diseases.

Adjourn 8:20