

Shutesbury Board of Health
November 1, 2023, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Actions taken:

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

DWCP and well permit for new lot on West Pelham Road (T-19 in part) approved.

Well permit application for 585 Wendell Road (K-30) approved.

Discussion:

Update on health coalition: After Jennifer Hoffman resigned as Greenfield Health Director and director of the Valley Health Collaborative, Megan Tudryn was made Acting Director. Athena Bradley is still on board. Garrett reported that the collaborative is still filling positions, buying software, and trying to stand up and staff vaccination clinics. The collaborative receives detailed reports from Shutesbury's public health nurse, Sarah Fiske; Garrett will ask Sarah to copy the Board of Health on these reports. Cat said Mary Anne Antonellis plans to reach out to Sarah to request some classes or presentations.

Norene reported that MAPHCO's new vendor, RSI, which is located in Florida, is now on board and has had an introductory meeting. MAPHCO is going to be working on changing its principles of operation. Norene intends to resign from the steering committee; Garrett is willing to take her place.

Home burial discussion

The board talked over the varying and apparently contradictory information we have been able to find on DEP and DPH websites as well as in MGL 114. It was

agreed that clarification is needed. Garrett will reach out to DPH and Cat to MAHB to try to get more information. To be continued on November 15.

Adjourn 7:55