

**Shutesbury Board of Health**  
**October 2, 2024, 7 pm**  
**Virtual meeting**

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

**Actions taken:**

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

59 Shore Drive, ZB-411: DWCP 2024-1001 for tight tank replacement approved.

29 Ladyslipper Lane, D-45: DWCP repair approved, 2024-1002.

16-18 Highland Drive, M-79: board authorized Cat to issue permit for tank replacement following Title 5 inspection when application is received ex post facto.

**Discussion:**

Garrett reported that there is reporting deadline for any opioid settlement fund spending at the end of October. He will make sure no funds have been spent. Sarah Fiske will be asked to attend a BOH meeting and share the ideas that she is developing for Leverett; there will be discussion at the next Valley Health Coalition meeting of whether the smaller towns will pool their resources or not; Norene will reach out to the Fire Chief and Police Chief regarding their assessment of the extent of opioid problems in Shutesbury.

Garrett also reported that MAPHCO now has an approved workplan, which is to focus on developing a response to a public health emergency. No guidance has been received. Garrett said that in his work in the eastern part of the state he interprets this as response to the public health impacts of emergencies.

The current state of the knotweed removal proposal is unknown. There is significant public objection to the use of glyphosate.

The risk of EEE has been downgraded throughout the commonwealth. We don't know if this is in part due to spraying the in the most affected communities.

Adjourn 7:45